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# AUPE CELEBRATES 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY!

AUPE turned 62 on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021! Several events were held to commemorate this special occasion, starting with a meaningful AUPE x Foodbank Campaign to donate food bundles to beneficiaries under Foodbank.



## AUPE X Foodbank - You Made It Happen!

We wanted to celebrate our 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary together with our members in a meaningful way by bringing smiles to needy families. For every food bundle donated by our member, AUPE will match the donation. We set an initial target of 620 food bundles and exceeded it by 234 bundles making it a whopping total of 854 food bundles, amounting to \$12,810. This wouldn't be possible without our members' generous donations and U Care Fund!

Then came the time for us to gather a total of 40 volunteers and staff to pack and do a door-to-door distribution of the food bundles at 4 locations given by Foodbank. However, nearing to the day, due to the evolving Covid situation, our initial plans were adjusted to 1 packing session to protect most of the beneficiaries who were elderlies. We were met with further challenges due to manpower constraints at one of the locations and another location were closed due to a confirmed COVID-19 case. However, these did not dampen our spirit. We looked for alternatives and finally settled with 3 locations at Eunos, Bedok & Paya Lebar. A total of 15 volunteers gathered and split into groups of 5 to pack 100 bundles at each location.



**Hear from the volunteers on the experience of packing the food bundles**

“ While many of us may be worried about the ongoing pandemic, there were many more people who were worried about their daily meals or putting food on the table, so I was very glad and happy that I could help in a small way to pack the food bundles donated by our members and AUPE, and to share AUPE's love with our beneficiaries. Even when we had to abide by the SMM rules, my team had fun working in a “production line” manner to do what was needed efficiently. I am looking forward to more CSR events organised by AUPE. ”  
– Sarah Lim

“ I love how everyone was enthusiastic about giving back to the community and didn't spare any of their energy to pack the food bundles in an efficient manner! I would love to do this again anytime but I hope the situation gets better so more people get to have a great opportunity like this. ”  
– Hidayah

*A BIG Thank You to our Volunteers for packing the food bundles!*



## Knowing AUPE Quiz

How well do members know AUPE? Through a series of mini quizzes, we got our members to showcase their knowledge of AUPE over our 62 years of journey. We were encouraged by the overwhelming response from our members! And 10 lucky winners walked with \$50 Capitaland vouchers each!



## Together Towards Tomorrow

The celebrations ended with a bang with our first ever virtual anniversary party, Together Towards Tomorrow, on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

From the comfort of their homes, over 300 AUPE union members joined in the virtual party. It was a night of fun and laughter as members participated in the interactive games together with their family members. The lucky draw segment was a nail-biting experience as all yearned to be the lucky ones to walk away with the latest gadgets like iPad, Dyson V8 and more!

It was certainly a memorable 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday for AUPE and we hope for all of you, our union members as well!

## A Sweet Treat

As an appreciation for our members' support, AUPE sent a sweet Swensens Ice Cream Treat to 620 members! Members were invited to register for the treat on a first come first served basis. All treats were fully redeemed in less than a week!



Middle from right to left: AUPE President, Mr Ng Hee Seng and AUPE General Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Tiwari



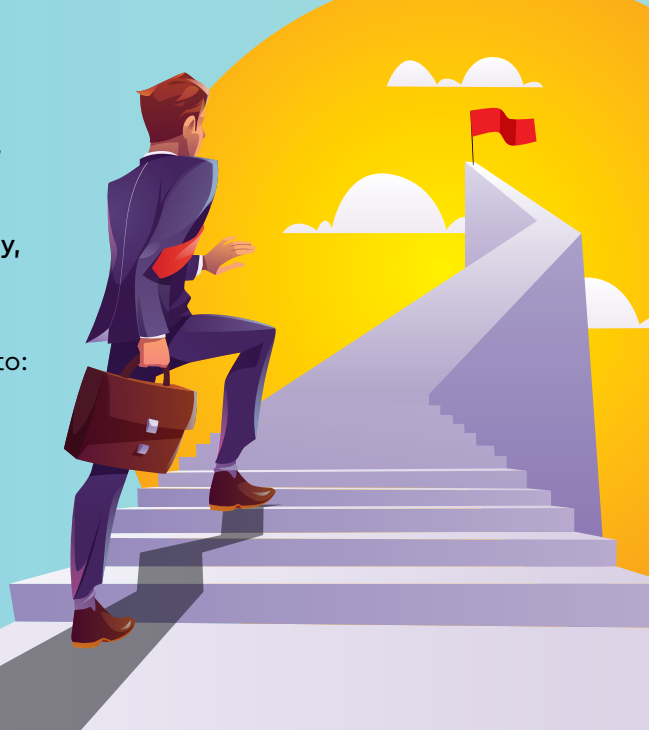
# Career Coaching Services to Support Your Career Planning

Your career growth matters! To support and partner you in your journey, AUPE provides complimentary Career Advisory Services exclusively for AUPE union members.

Take charge of your own career today and speak to our career advisor to:

- Discover your career interests and goals
- Assess your current skill gaps
- Expand your upskilling and job search resources
- Receive support and build confidence to grow in your career

For more details and to make an appointment, please scan the QR code or visit <http://www.aupe.org.sg/union/workplace-career-advisory/>



## Extending ACC's Services & Benefits to the Union of Telecom Employees (UTES)

AUPE Credit Cooperative (ACC) and the Union of Telecom Employees (UTES) had inked an agreement in December 2021, to make avail ACC's services and benefits to members of UTES as an extension of UTES union membership benefits!

UTES member can sign up to be ACC member to enjoy ACC's savings and loans service. They will also be eligible for annual birthday gift, the hospitalisation benefit in event of hospitalisation and to apply for study grant for their school-going children.



*Mr Sanjeev Tiwari, Chief Executive Officer of AUPE Credit Cooperative and Mr Thuvinder Singh, General Secretary of UTES*



*(Left to Right) Mr Yeo Chun Fing, Mr Sanjeev Tiwari, Mr Thuvinder Singh, Mr Roger Tan, Ms Malini d/o Subramaniam.*

At the MOU signing, Mr Thuvinder Singh, General Secretary, UTES, Mr Roger Tan, President, UTES and Ms Malini, Senior Manager, UTES, also kicked off the collaboration by signing up for ACC membership on the spot!



# 291 Students Benefitted from AUPE Study Grants 2021

A total of 291 students have benefitted from our AUPE Study Grant this year. A total of \$53,950, funded by AUPE, AUPE Credit Co-operative & NTUC U Care Fund were disbursed to the various levels:

Primary	66 recipients
Secondary	106 recipients
ITE / Pre-U / JC	30 recipients
Polytechnic	57 recipients
University	32 recipients

The application for AUPE Study Grant 2021 was met with great responses and we conducted an interview with 2 successful recipients to hear their thoughts on obtaining the study grants. Mdm Mathina Begum, an Operations Support Officer with Ministry of Home Affairs shared, "I am happy that AUPE has granted study

grants for our children over the years. The grant will certainly be very helpful for our next year's school expenses. My children are aware that they are receiving such grants. They wish to study as hard as they can and get a reputable job where they can contribute to their families and society."

Mdm Mathina also shared on the benefits of joining AUPE, "Being an AUPE Union member enables me to enjoy a lot of benefits such as study grants, NTUC vouchers and many others. Thank you, AUPE!"

Mr Muhammad Alif Bin Ismail, a Specialist with Immigration and Checkpoints Authority echoed the same sentiments, "AUPE Study Grants have definitely helped us financially as we can use it to purchase the children's schooling needs. This gives hope for my children to do better in their studies to achieve their dreams in the future. My boys aspire to be a gamer and youtuber and my daughter aspire to be an air stewardess when they grow up. I would like to thank AUPE for providing my family with the study grants which are very helpful for families like mine."

We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to all our recipients and here's to their children achieving their dreams in the future!



Successful study grant recipients, Mdm Mathina Begum's children



Successful study grant recipient, Mr Muhammad Alif Bin Ismail with his family



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# Clocking 100KM in 2021, Together We Can!

In conjunction with the Year of Celebrating SG Women, a team of five sisters set a target for 2021 – 100KM for a Healthier Me!

After being cooped up for 56 days during the circuit breaker in 2020, this group of sisters from various branches in AUPE decided to come together to build sisterhood, and to motivate each other to have an active healthy lifestyle. They started a monthly walking meetup in October 2020 and set a goal for 2021. They wanted to clock a total distance of 100km, with a monthly walk in the different parts and parks in Singapore.

One of them may not have walked more than 5km in a single walk. Another has never thought that climbing Bukit Timah Hill was possible for her. But as a team, they encouraged and supported one another every step of the way.

At an average pace of completing 8km per month, they covered various parts of Singapore - the first ASEAN Heritage Park Sungai Buloh; along the coast of East Coast Park to the new desalination plant and the Gardens by the Bay; the rustic Imbiah Trail on Sentosa; the UNESCO Heritage site of Botanic Gardens; the sanctuary

for flora and fauna at Pasir Ris Park and Tampines Eco Green; one of the largest heartland park at Jurong Lake Gardens; basking themselves on the shores of southern islands of Singapore; up far and away from the hustle and bustle of the city at the Coney Island; escaping from the crowds at the Woodlands and Admiralty Parks; along the railway tracks at Clementi Forest and Rail Corridor; and a beautiful sunset walk at the last fishing village and the historical aerospace town in Seletar.

To end the walk for the year, the sisters chose to do a summit hike, to conquer the highest peak in Singapore, the 163m tall Bukit Timah Hill! And they accomplished their 100KM! This entire 100KM journey had been rejuvenating for all of them. Besides having a healthier lifestyle, they also saw how powerful it was when they set their minds on a goal, they make sure they do it and to do it together!

Have you been wanting to start a new habit or learn something new but has never got down to it? Find some likeminded friends, set an achievable goal and get started this year! And keep a lookout on AUPE's Facebook page for walking events that will be coming up this year!



**Article contributed by:**  
**Sarah Lim,**  
**Public Employees Branch**



## Will Planning for NParks' Staff at Lunch Talk

47 participants attended the lunchtime webinar on Will Planning organised by the AUPE-NParks Staff Branch on 17 November 2021. The presenter of the session was Ms Shin Chow, CEO of PremierWills Custody Services Pte Ltd.

Attendees felt enriched with the knowledge shared by Ms Chow as they found the information practical. Topics such as "What is the format for a will?",

"Can I DIY my will?", "Why is a will so important?" and more were discussed actively. Members like the idea of a moderator to help with the Q & A session during the online meeting as some members asked questions through the chat function.

As part of this lunchtime webinar, members were given a doorgift of \$10 GrabFood voucher after the session.



**Article contributed by:**  
**Nee Yiyun,**  
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**AUPE-NParks Staff Branch**





# #Throwback Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Year 2021 has been fruitful!

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▲ We launched a new website to make it a breeze for you to find latest updates and promotions!

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▲ To support members on their career planning, we introduced a Career Coaching Service exclusively for AUPE Union members.

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▲ Supported members on workplace matters through dialogues to gather feedback, resolving workplace concerns and renewed 5 collective agreements!

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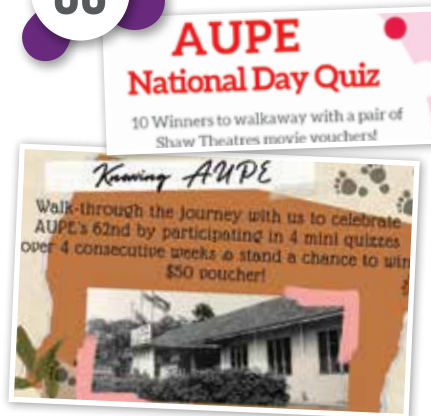
▲ Over 400 management partners and union members gathered for the Biennial Public Sector Union Management Gathering where best practices were shared and a robust dialogue was held with Head Civil Service.

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▲ The AUPE family grew bigger with the joining of Amalgamated Union of Public Daily Rated Workers (AUPDRW)! A warm welcome again!

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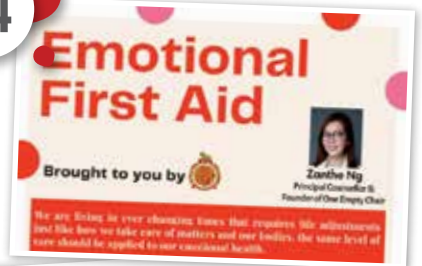
▲ Connecting with you through our social media platforms and attractive giveaways

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▲ Celebrated our 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary through food donation drive, quizzes, treats and a virtual party with 300+ union members!

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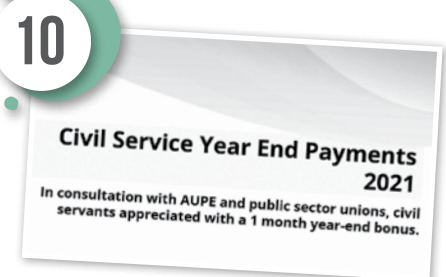
▲ Value-adding to members work and personal life through webinars in the area of technology, financial adequacy, health, mental wellbeing and more!

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▲ Our café at AUPE Club Reopens! Have you tried out our new menu? Wind down and relax at our cozy corner with sumptuous food and refreshing beverages!

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▲ Our proposal of 1 month year-end bonus to recognise officers sustained hard work and contributions in the fight against COVID-19 were accepted by PSD. Together with the mid-year bonus of 0.3 months, officers received a total of 1.3 months!





Sumptuous food, cakes and refreshing beverages awaits you!  
Have a go at our soft tip dart machines on level 2 too!

AUPE members enjoy **15% OFF** total bill  
while NTUC members and privilege card holders  
enjoy **10% OFF** total bill  
(applicable for regular priced items).

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## Grow your savings at an **attractive interest rate of 1% p.a** with AUPE Credit Cooperative (ACC)!

And enjoy these benefits too:



### Dividends

Earn dividends on your ACC shares & subscription account.  
Dividend declared for 2021: 3%



### Study Grants

Apply for our study grants of up to \$350



### Hospitalisation Benefit

Defray your medical expenses with our cash benefit of \$20/day



### Loans at Competitive Rates

Get extra cash for the important things in life.



### Convenience

Access your account anytime, anywhere via secured online portal



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