Dear Mr Albert Liu,

I am Helena, a recipient of the Sino Suisse Internship Grant. I currently have a Diploma from Nanyang Polytechnic in Social Sciences (Social Work) and am about to finish my Honours from the National University of Singapore in Social Work as well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the award to support my studies and the impact I hope to make in the future as I enter the field. With the encouragement from Sino Suisse, I am galvanised and looking forward to entering the youth sector, to support youths-at-risk and journey alongside them.

Once again, I express my gratitude towards your generosity and investment into the social work sector. Wishing you and your family the best of health.

Warmest Regards,
Helena Yeo
NUS Social Work Student



Dear Mr Albert Liu,

I am Zhu Ying, a Year 4 Social Work student from NUS who has benefited from your Sino Suisse Internship Grant. First and foremost, I would like to take this chance to thank you for the generous gift by yourself and Sino Suisse Capital Pte. Ltd. This internship grant has given me a huge encouragement towards what I believe in and am passionate about - to work and journey together with at-risk youths.

As a social work student, I have always been interested in working with youths and have actively volunteered and interned in these sectors. As a youth myself and growing up in this society, I have had my fair share of obstacles and difficulties, in which I struggled to overcome and reach out for help. My past experiences had allowed me to better empathise with youths who are struggling and better understand from their point of view.

Moving forward, as I am graduating soon, I hope that I would be able to play my part and make a difference in the environment that our youths live in. I would like to be more proactive in making a change and improving the society for youths. I greatly appreciate your efforts towards this cause, and I would like to thank you once again for your kind support.

Best Regards,



Addressed to:

Albert Liu

Sino Suisse Capital Pte. Ltd.



Dear Mr Liu,

Appreciation for Sino Suisse Internship Grant

My name is Matthias Soh, a year 4 social work student from the National University of Singapore (NUS), who was a recipient of the Sino Suisse Internship Grant in 2021. I came to know about the grant and my eligibility to apply during my internship at Fei Yue Youth GO, an agency that conducts outreach to street youth who fall through the gaps of our education and social service system. To provide some context, the scope of the agency's work is one that only emerged in 2012, being relatively young within the profession and targeting a unique group of youths. The essence of the agency's work is to create positive development for these youths through relational engagement in various creative means.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for being awarded the grant as it was a great encouragement and privilege during the internship. In the face of COVID-19 restrictions, we were limited in the ability to conduct the regular outreach to youths and had to innovate alternative solutions for doing so. Amidst the challenges, the financial incentive boosted my morale to be innovative and give my best in supporting Youth GO's work. These efforts took the form of a detailed literature review presented to the staff, creative videos posted on Tik Tok account, and online counselling for youths, to name a few. As a result, the internship proved to be fruitful and mutually value-adding for both me and the agency. I thank you for being a part of that experience and spurring me on through that process to overcome challenges.

As I will be graduating after this academic year, I will be pursuing my career in social work and returning to Fei Yue Community Services to work upon graduation. Through the various experiences during my internships, I have decided that my focus will be placed first on working with families in the community at a family service centre in Choa Chu Kang. My hope is that being grounded in the experience of working there will broaden my perspective of the needs within the community and equip me to be a competent social worker. I aspire to be a competent leader within the industry and create effective change not just for clients, but also organizationally, as I progress in my career. Your contribution has been instrumental in encouraging me to reach greater heights, so once again, thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Matthias Soh

Dear Mr Albert Liu,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the Sino Suisse Internship grant. I am Wan Ying, currently a Year 4 student majoring in Psychology and Social Work. I interned at SHINE Children and Youth Service organization during the summer break and I am currently working as a part-timer at Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home during the weekends.

Working with at-risk youths, though challenging at times, is a highly rewarding process because these youths have so much potential. It is heartening to know that there are people out there that support and recognize aspiring social workers in their journey.

This grant made me realized that recognitions of one's work can serve as a powerful motivation. I realized that I too can support fellow contemporaries in their journey with at-risk youths through encouragements and highlighting the differences they've made.

Once again, thank you for the Sino Suisse Internship Grant.

Sincerely,
Wan Ying



To: Mr Albert Liu

THANK YOU

for the Sino Suisse Internship Grant



I am Vanessa Leong, a Year 4 Social Work Undergraduate at NUS, and the recipient of the Sino Suisse Internship Grant.

Truth be told, I was not particularly interested in working with youths prior to my internship with MSF Child Protective Service. I was more interested in working with children because the trajectory seemed more hopeful. I soon realised that vulnerable youths are doubly vulnerable. I started to open my heart to the youths in CPS , and it opened up my eyes to youth work. The award reaffirmed my newfound interest and it inspired me to seek out an additional internship. I am currently on another internship in an agency that works with youths.

While I may be the 'direct' (aspiring) social worker working with these youths on the ground, I cannot forget the 'indirect' support which motivated me. Once again, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to be a recipient of the Sino Suisse internship grant which kickstarted my interest in working with youths (:

Dear Mr. Albert Liu.

I would once again like to extend my sincere gratitude to yourself and Sino Suisse Capital for your generous gift to both myself, and my colleagues in Social Work.

I am currently a third-year Social Work student at NUS, with a second major in Sociology. As you may already have known from the essay submitted, I did my first placement at ITE College Central last summer, and will be doing my second in a few months time. At the moment, I am also serving as the 35th President of the Society of Social Work Students (SSWS) for this academic year. Much of the work we do involves furthering the cause of social work in our student population, and this is something that is really helped by generous grants from external donors such as yourself.

I speak for myself, but possibly many other colleagues appreciate it as well, that receiving such grants goes beyond the monetary reward. In a world where social services are increasingly recognised as being important, recognition and support from the private sector is very encouraging and means a lot to us. Taking the premise that issues facing the most-in-need in society are issues that matter to all of society, as soon-to-be social workers, the knowledge that both the government and private entities recognise the importance of such work and are willing to support us is a great source of motivation to do our best.

It's always hard to predict what the future holds (along with how my health holds up), but having seen the impact that work with youth-in-need can bring at ITE, it's been something quite high on my list ever since. There, I worked mainly with the social workers in the Student Care office – something I would very much like to do as well. And beyond that, with a better understand of the NITEC curriculum, I've come to find out that one can teach social service-based courses there as well. In some ways, you could say that the best social worker to other youth-in-need might be someone who has gone through that lived experience themselves, and should I get the opportunity to teach and inspire such individuals in a NITEC cohort, that would be simply amazing as well. Once again, thank you for your generous gift and broader support for our work!

Sincerely,
Daniel Wong



To: MR Albert Liu.

my name is Tiffany Toh, currently a YR3 social work major in NUS. Just wanted to extend my appreciation & a BIG **thank you** for your generosity.

As I reflected on my experience with at-risk youths, it gave me a new sense of purpose, & an affirmation for the social work sector that I am stepping into. I hope that I'll never forget my reflections & the opportunities given to me. I hope to become a social worker that empowers & brings hope to others.

Once again, thank you & I believe that the Sino Suisse Intern grant will bless & encourage many others! :)

♡Tiffany



a pic with of the sweetest resident on my last day

To Mr Albert Liu,

My name is Syazana and I am honoured to have been a recipient for the Sino Suisse Internship Grant. I am currently a Year 2 student majoring in social work and I was previously interning at SHINE Children and Youth where I predominantly handled cases related to youth-at-risk. I have an interest towards the youth sector where I feel that I would be a good fit as I am able to connect well with these youths. I have intentions of being in this sector after I graduate where I feel that my experience being a Mendaki Youth mentor volunteer for about 2 years would greatly help me with my journey of working with youths.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation towards you for this award as it has further encouraged me to continue studying social work in university. Studying social work has definitely been an enriching journey and this award has truly made my experience much more meaningful. I truly cannot wait to be in the field and expose myself to more cases to hone the knowledge and skills I have learnt in school. Once again, I would like to thank you for giving me this award as I continue to put my heart into the profession.

Best regards,
Syazana

