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Sydney-- A beautiful city with deep blue skies, harbors with shimmering waters and the glorious Pacific Ocean at her doorstep. I was awarded a National Parks Board (NParks) scholarship to undertake a four year undergraduate Landscape Architecture course at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

This opportunity has provided me with a wealth of experiences which include learning how to live independently, an exciting university program, a first hand exposure to a foreign country's culture, interacting with and learning from Australians themselves while at the same time teaching them a thing or two about Singaporeans as well!

An NParks scholarship was the ideal choice for me as I recognized the role of the organization in shaping the physical environment of Singapore, a significant role which in turn affects how people live and work, and which I believe changes and improves the quality of life for Singaporeans. NParks also plays a key role in shaping the identity of Singapore as a garden nation, especially with regards to promoting the image and standing of the nation as a world-class city in the eyes of the international community.

In wanting to contribute to the future of Singapore's environment and in the hope of making a positive difference in the lives of my fellow Singaporeans, it was thus with a strong sense of conviction and joy that I gladly accepted the NParks scholarship offer.

The study of Landscape Architecture is a highly influential discipline that has the potential to guide a society towards ecologically conscious living. It pulls together numerous concepts from architecture, urban design, ecology and the arts.

My first year of study in the course in 2006 has been thoroughly exciting. I took part in a culture-shaping design project based on Bondi beach, one of Australia's most famous and cherished beaches. The Landscape Analysis lessons I was enrolled in took me to the heart of the oldest national park in the world, the Royal National Park as well as the other exciting natural environments that Sydney has to offer. I have since come to appreciate the amount of dedication and effort that

goes into the preservation of natural environments and into the creation and maintenance of urban landscapes and spaces.

If you are a person who has the heart for the environment and wants to make a difference in the lives of others; then join me to discover what an NParks scholarship can offer you.