

Connections

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Celebrating our Golden Jubilee with a bang!

Over 1,800 of our Deloitte people, alumni, student ambassadors and interns came together for the biggest party of the year as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a power-packed birthday bash at Universal Studios Singapore on 17 December.

To start off the evening of exciting activities, two theme park rides – Battlestar Galactica and The Revenge of the Mummy – were opened exclusively for all who wanted an adrenaline rush. This was followed by sensational performances by the Sam Willows, Supersonic SG and our very own Deloitte band, The Shenton Way, who kept the atmosphere upbeat as they played familiar tunes for everyone to sing along. Teaming up with our recently inducted Partners, they performed a self-composed birthday song for Deloitte! Those who fancied being a cover girl/boy also had a fun time at our 3D photo booth which printed unlimited instant photos throughout the evening with a specially customised Deloitte magazine frame. Of course, no birthday party would be complete without a cake! Our Deloitte SEA and Singapore CEO Philip Yuen, together with our Singapore management team, led everyone in a toast before cutting a 3-tiered birthday cake specially baked for the occasion.

With our largest attendance ever, free flow food and drinks, and an exciting programme – it was definitely a night to remember for everyone! For more photos from our 50th Anniversary birthday bash, visit our [Facebook page](#) at or search the hashtag #DeloitteSG50bash on Instagram.





Running for a good cause at the Deloitte 5000 for 50



As a lead up to Singapore's National Day 2017 celebrations in August and to coincide with our special 50th Anniversary IMPACT month, our Deloitte Singapore Partners came together to lead and run 5,000km over 50 continuous hours with a goal to raise S\$50,000. In addition to the Partners, our people, alumni, clients and our corporate and community partners also supported this good cause and joined in the run.

The run started bright and early on 3 August morning at Gardens by the Bay, where our Deloitte Southeast Asia and Singapore CEO, Philip Yuen, flagged off the first group of over 50 runners, led by Partners James Walton, Lee Boon Teck, Seah Gek Choo, Ernest Kan and, Sanjay Panjabi. Throughout the 50 hours, our Deloitte Singapore Partners took turns to lead segments of the run, bringing our runners to various locations across Singapore, including iconic landmarks and the offices of our clients, and corporate and community partners.

Our runners crossed the finish line on 5 August at exactly 9.35am after 50 continuous hours, marking the end of a very successful effort with more than S\$90,000 raised – while running over 7,200km – for Arts@Metta, a program under the Metta Welfare Association to help youths with special needs develop as artists under a sustainable framework.

Thank you to all our alumni members who contributed to the run, making the Deloitte 5000 for 50 charity run a big success! For more highlights from the run, visit our [Deloitte Singapore Facebook](#) page.

Fun under the sun with NorthLight School

As part of Deloitte Singapore's 50th Anniversary celebrations, August 2017 was designated IMPACT Month (instead of the usual IMPACT Day), giving us the opportunity to increase our engagement with all our beneficiaries to bring them joy and good cheer. One of the touch points was at NorthLight School's (NLS) Great Outdoor Experience where close to 150 of our Deloitte volunteers enjoyed a great day of sporting fun at the Singapore Sports Hub with over 700 NLS students and teachers.

Held on 4 August, the event kicked off in the morning with a run by a selected group of NLS students and teachers from the old NLS Campus at Dakota Crescent joining up with the rest of the group at the Sports Hub who were warming up with an 800m run round the 100 Plus track around the National Stadium. Our Deloitte 5000 for 50 runners also joined in the run, collectively clocking the distance together with the students.

The event was blessed with good weather, and our Deloitte volunteers were able to participate in an exciting array of sports with the students including biathlon, dragon boat, inline-skating, kayaking and speed tag.

The elderly members of Tung Ling Community Services also came down to the Sports Hub to join in the fun. Among other activities such as henna tattooing and badge making, they also participated in a Zumba Gold session that was specially customised for them to encourage them to be active. They were all smiles as they grooved to the music with some simple and light morning exercises. In addition, a GetActive! Carnival with interesting booths such as archery and ring toss were manned by our Deloitte volunteers for the students and the elderly to enjoy.

Visit our [Deloitte Singapore Facebook](#) page for more highlights of our IMPACT Month activities!



2017 IDG: Team Green crowned champions!



The Deloitte Inter-Departmental Games (IDG) is an Olympic style competition, spanning two to three months, where departments within Deloitte Singapore compete across different sports to come out tops! During this period, our staff got active and competitive, spending their time after work and weekends attending team trainings and enjoying bonding opportunities within their respective departments.

The 2017 competition featured a total of 17 sports with 19 medals up for grabs. In surely the most incredible ending yet to an IDG, five teams entered the last weekend within six points of each other with just two sports to go.

In the end, it was Team Green – comprising Financial Advisory, Japanese Services Group and the Internal Services functions – who capped a staggering comeback to claim their first ever IDG title, having won the last 5 consecutive gold medals of the Games. Coming in second and third were Team Black (Financial Services Industry) and Team Red (Audit Group C and Audit Business Advisory) respectively.

For the complete highlights of the 2017 IDG, click [here](#).

Get ready for a new wave of change at the Singapore Fintech Festival



The Singapore FinTech Festival 2017 took place from 13 to 17 November and Deloitte is proud to be the Grand Sponsor for this event. As the highest-tier sponsor, the FinTech Festival provided a powerful platform for Deloitte to showcase our eminence and expertise in this evolving space.

One of the highlights of the event was the three-day FinTech Conference & Exhibition where a line-up of Deloitte global leaders – including our Global Chairman, David Cruickshank – were featured as guest speakers. Our SEA and Global Financial Services practices also collaborated to showcase new and exciting FinTech solutions at our Deloitte exhibition booth during the event.

In addition, we hosted several industry workshops and events for our guests to highlight the trends and challenges faced by organisations in light of the FinTech revolution. Click here to find out more about the different workshops and events held during FinTech Week.

Visit the [event website](#) for more information on the Singapore FinTech Festival.



IP Week @ SG: Driving the future economy

Themed “Ideas to Assets – Driving the Future Economy with Intellectual Property (IP)”, IP Week @ SG 2017 on 29 to 30 August 2017 featured the world’s foremost IP thought leaders, legal experts and innovative companies with over 1,700 attendees from more than 30 countries coming together to celebrate, network and collaborate. As part of the conference, we organised a session sharing insights on the “Opportunities in the medical technology industry” featuring our Deloitte subject matter experts, Dr Loke Wai Chiong (Risk Advisory Partner), Samuel Cammiss (Innovation Director) and Michelle Tan (Financial Advisory Director).

During the conference, Deloitte and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) also signed a Memorandum of Understanding to help 100 growth-stage firms to help boost their IP strategies and become future global market leaders. Under the partnership, Deloitte and IPOS will help these firms to understand tech trends, connect to emerging and disruptive technologies, bring their products and services to market, and commercialise their IP and other intangible assets for business growth.

For more information on IP Week, click [here](#).

"Intellectual asset management is an essential component for businesses to remain relevant in this digital era and the partnership will help more innovative, IP-centric firms scale up and establish a stronger foothold in the global markets by leveraging their intellectual assets."

**Keoy Soo Earn, Deloitte Southeast Asia
Regional Managing Partner for Financial
Advisory**



Achieving new heights at the HR Excellence Awards



12 October 2017 was a delightful evening for Deloitte as we were recognised for our outstanding work in employer branding at the annual HR Excellence Awards, held at the Mandarin Orchard. Since its inauguration in 2013, the HR Excellence Awards has celebrated organisations in Asia that strive for excellence and deliver outstanding human capital strategy and execution.

Once again, we won the Gold Award for Employer Branding – for the 4th consecutive year! In addition, we took home the Silver Award for Leadership Development, affirming our efforts in providing top leadership development programmes to develop world class leaders which include our Deloitte University Asia Pacific courses.

The icing on the cake came when Deloitte was announced as the Gold Award winner for CSR Strategy for the first time! This award recognises our various CSR efforts through which our people have made an impact and a positive difference to our communities especially as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary in 2017.

Deloitte announces record revenue of US\$38.8 billion

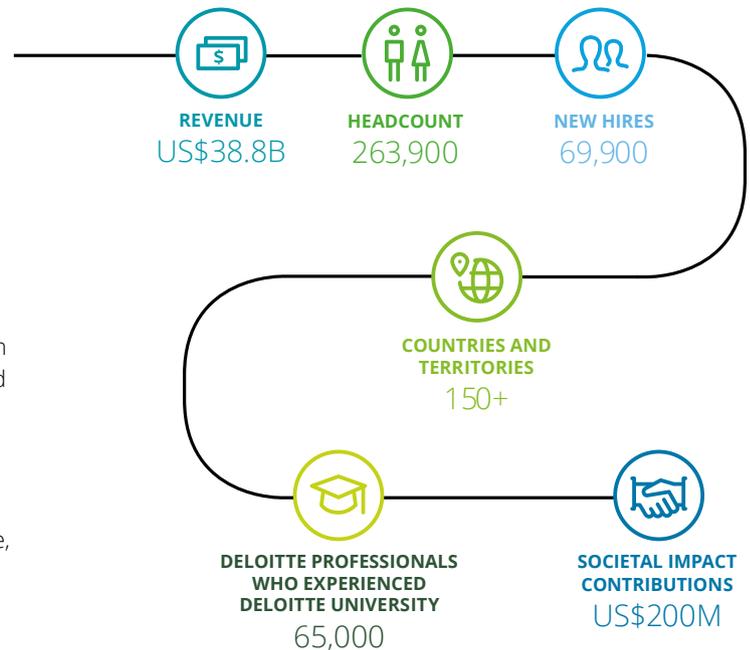
On 14 September 2017, Deloitte Global announced an aggregate member firm revenue of US\$38.8 billion for the fiscal year ended 31 May 2017 (FY2017), marking a consecutive eighth year of solid growth. With a continued focus on creating an impact for clients across all geographies and service areas, we have also achieved growth in each of our five business areas – Audit & Assurance, Consulting, Financial Advisory, Risk Advisory and Tax & Legal.

Key highlights:

- Increased workforce in all geographic regions and businesses, with nearly 70,000 new professionals – the equivalent of 1 person hired every 8 minutes.
- Developed global network of Cyber Intelligence Centers (CICs) to offer solutions that help clients protect business assets and enhance their security posture, while proactively detecting, responding and recovering from security events to become secure, vigilant and resilient.
- Opened fifth and sixth Deloitte University (DU) locations in Toronto, Canada (Deloitte University North) and Singapore (Deloitte University Asia Pacific)
- Introduced “WorldClass”, a new global effort designed to apply Deloitte’s skills, experience, scale, and commitment to preparing and empowering people to take advantage of the new world economy through access to education and training.

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Deloitte globally FY2017



Deloitte holds inaugural Southeast Asia CFO Vision conference



Held on 20 to 21 July 2017, the inaugural SEA CFO Vision conference drew over a hundred CFOs, CEOs, and guests from across the region together for the first time in Southeast Asia, to explore the latest trends and top-of-the-mind issues faced by CFOs and emerging opportunities in Finance.

Themed “Leading Finance to the future”, the conference was graced by Member of Parliament and keynote speaker, Mr Teo Ser Luck, and attended by some of Singapore’s leading CFOs and CEOs. Deloitte specialists from Southeast Asia and around the world were also present to share perspectives on critical issues on the evolving economy and business environment of today, and how finance leaders and their teams have to evolve to stay ahead. These included SEA CFO Programme Leader Ng Jiak See and Global CFO Programme Leader Sandy Cockrell, who opened the conference on Day 1.

For more information on the SEA CFO Vision 2017, click [here](#).

One SEA, one IMPACT!

Each year, our 11 practices across Southeast Asia come together to celebrate our commitment to our community through our SEA-wide IMPACT Day. Held on 25 August, the 2017 IMPACT Day saw over 4,000 of our staff participating in a diverse range of activities to give back to the local communities where they work and live in.

Brunei



Brunei volunteers facilitating a leadership workshop for students of Universiti Teknologi Brunei.

Cambodia



Colleagues in Cambodia repainting the walls of the orphanage, Aspire Training & Education.

Guam



Volunteers from Guam accompanying students from the Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School for a cultural field trip at the Guam Museum.

Indonesia



Students from NVRC Cibinong, who were invited for a tour of the Deloitte Jakarta office, with our Indonesian colleagues.

Lao PDR



Lao PDR volunteers distributing prepacked goody bags to needy schools in rural areas.

Myanmar



Volunteers from Myanmar having fun with students through a mobile library and interactive sessions.

Thailand



Volunteers from Thailand raising funds to purchase amenities for Wat Don School.

Malaysia



Malaysian volunteers engaging with beneficiaries including the poor, those seeking refuge, the deaf and children with autism, through some water sports.

Philippines



Philippines volunteers saving the environment by planting trees at the Marikina Watershed.

Singapore



Singapore volunteers picking up almost 100kg of trash as they cleaned up the shores of Lazarus Beach.

Vietnam



Charity booths and games set up to raise funds for children and persons with disabilities in Vietnam.

Click [here](#) to view the highlights from our 2017 SEA-wide IMPACT Day.

Latest publications



Deloitte Global Automotive Consumer Survey

Deloitte's Global Automotive Consumer Study builds on the automotive consumer research our Automotive practice has been conducting since 2009. In the first-ever Southeast Asia edition of the Automotive Consumer Survey conducted in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand which surveyed 1,500 consumers, this publication reveals some interesting insights into how consumers in Southeast Asia feel about the rapidly evolving in-vehicle technologies.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the survey.



Transitioning to the Future of Work and the Workplace

Digital technology is having a profound effect on the 21st century organization. It is fundamentally changing the way we work, the way we manage, where we work, how we organize, the products we use, and how we communicate. Discover how executives are thinking about these changes in Deloitte's study of 245 C-level executives on the Future of Work.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the survey.



Blockchain@Media: A new game changer?

Blockchain is currently one of the most widely-discussed and hyped technologies. There are not many industries that shouldn't be either excited or worried about its potential, with use cases, proof-of-concepts, and fullfledged businesses based on blockchain technology emerging at an increasing pace. Learn more in this report which dives into potential benefits and issues of blockchain's for the media industry.

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