





#### **Emily Tan**

**Events and Marketing Intern** 

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### 1. What made you take up the internship programme?

I wanted to explore areas beyond my degree as I felt it would be a good opportunity to pick up important soft skills applicable in a professional setting. When I was offered this internship, I knew that it would be fulfilling as it gave me the platform to gain experience in both event planning and marketing. Additionally, NTUAC was supportive of having a flexible work schedule to balance both the internship and school!

## 2. What do you like most about working at NTUAC? Any memorable moments?

What I love most about NTUAC is the working culture. Everyone in the company was very easygoing and always willing to help me whenever I had doubts or wanted to know aspects I could improve in. Mega big thanks to my supervisor, Ying Hong, for always guiding me! I was able to hone my social media marketing skills throughout the past few months. For me, the most memorable moment would be NTUAC's Open House.



I was very honoured to have the opportunity to assist with such a big event, especially after 3 long years. But now we can physically celebrate the opening of Chill@5 alongside members and the public! Seeing the efforts of my team come to fruition was very

heartening. There were games, performances, booths and even a lucky draw. Most of the participants who came stayed throughout the event too which really brought a lot of liveliness to the place. One thing for sure is I will definitely miss how welcoming the NTUAC community is.

#### 3. What was your biggest takeaway from this experience?

My biggest takeaway from this internship was the opportunity to be involved in the planning process. I was given the chance to liaise with different stakeholders, sit in on meetings and even execute my first event with NTUAC. All of these tasks seemed

daunting initially but it really allowed me to hone my soft skills and become more confident speaking with external parties through my internship experience.



# 4. How have you grown as an individual? Any final thoughts?

The past seven months flashed by and interning at NTUAC was one of the best things that happened. The flexible schedule allowed me to balance both my school and work commitments which taught me a lot about time management as it was my first time juggling both at the same time. I also feel really blessed to be working with such fun and easygoing colleagues whom I enjoy spending time with. I learnt how to be more flexible and adaptable to changes as new challenges might arise. Such challenges are also part and parcel of event planning and it taught me the importance of being open-minded. I will continue to bring these lessons with me in my future endeavours and remember the lessons I have learnt here!