

The Right Match

Compatibility is what matters most to Oliver Tong, especially when his job is to ensure that Singapore's critical defence systems are compatible to surrounding electromagnetic emissions. It's a passionate mission he enjoys, as he finds the true meaning in his career.

Engineers pride themselves as being rational and logical, but Oliver has difficulties explaining his interest in engineering. "I enjoy work because it deals with the real issues."

It is not everybody's cup of tea, but one unique aspect of Oliver's job keeps him going – deep technicality. He enjoys exploring the intriguing depth of technical knowledge, and solving issues that have a direct impact on people's lives.

At the same time, he likes the fact that his R&D career does not confine him to his desk. He finds it exciting to apply and challenge his knowledge in constantly changing environments. He keeps a positive and open mind, and claims that it is the most imaginative solution to the obstacles one may face.

Perhaps the only insurmountable challenge to Oliver is time. He laments that there is so much to do and learn, but yet so little time in life. He is glad that he is able to discuss new ideas with like-minded colleagues to solve difficult project issues.

The dedication to passionate lifelong learning is obvious. "It's like a favourite hobby, like how I love playing the guitar, and just want to keep going and getting better at it."

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