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We're Able to Engage – and it's All Because of YOU!

If there's an adjective to describe 2017 for CREA, it certainly has to be "engaging".

At the end of October, we hosted the fourth and final of our roundtable programme for 2017, this time on the theme of work & employment. Guests came from right across the island, including representatives from almost every single government ministry: Finance, Health, Home Affairs, Manpower, National Development, Trade & Industry and Social & Family Development.

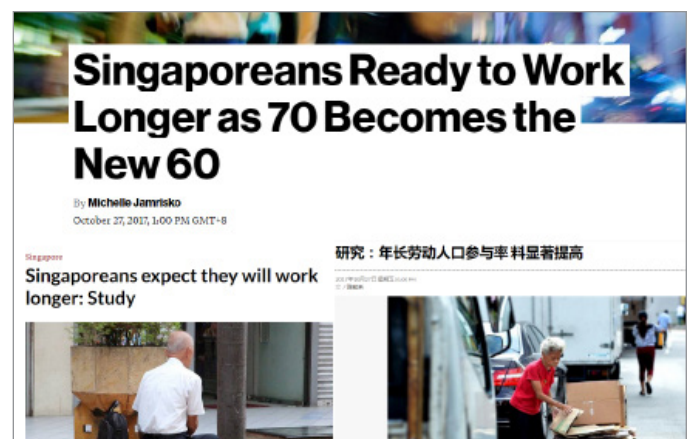
Dr Seonghoon Kim presented some recent results from the SLP labour module, which showed that one third of respondents have quit a job because they were dissatisfied: most commonly due to low pay, relations with their colleagues, or having to work too many hours. He also found that 2% of respondents are working in the gig economy, for example, for Grab or Uber.

Also speaking were our international collaborators from RAND Corporation in the United States. Professor

Michael D. Hurd found that our respondents are a highly dynamic workforce: one third of respondents started their current job within the last five years, and upon becoming unemployed, half found a new job within one month.

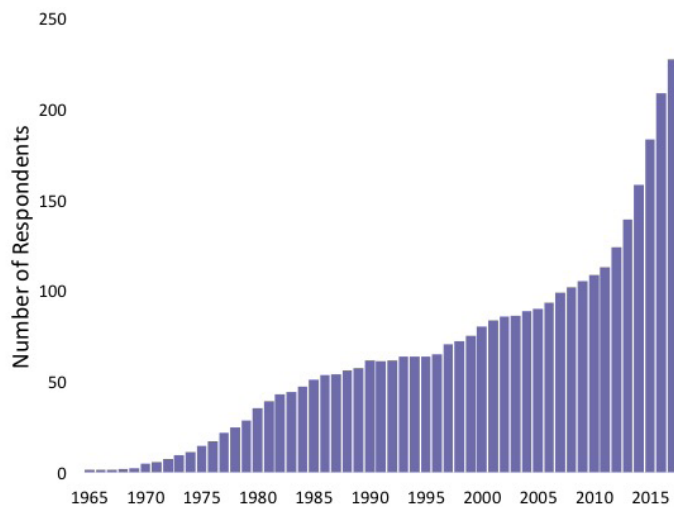
Finally, Professor Susann Rohwedder looked at the expectations of respondents in their late 50s and found that just under half of men and a third of women expect that they will still be working when they are 65. The media were very interested in this result, with articles by Bloomberg, Channel NewsAsia, Lianhe Zaobao, Lianhe Wanbao, Shin Min Daily News, The Straits Times, Today Online and even The Star from Malaysia.

SLP in the News



Quick Finding: Current Job

When did respondents start their current job?



In September, we asked employed respondents when they started their current job. One in three has changed job within the past five years – a highly dynamic workforce. But many have also been in their job for a long time, 15 years on average. Fifty said that they started their current job before 1970!

Looking Forward to 2018

2018 is shaping up to be a very exciting (and busy) time at CREA. Over the coming months, we'll be spicing it up with new SLP questions on a wide range of subjects, including training, trust, volunteering, time use, caregiving and retirement. We want to keep you interested and engaged in our survey. We sincerely appreciate you making the time and effort to complete the SLP every month. Your commitment to answering our questions is helping generate cutting-edge research.

Dates of Surveys

- **January Survey:** 1 - 21 January 2018
- **February Survey:** 1 - 18 February 2018
- **March Survey:** 1 - 25 March 2018

Meeting Venues

If you wish to complete the survey with the help of our student assistants, you may visit any of these locations. To find out the dates and times of the appointments, please contact our Centre Hotline.

Bishan

Spring College International
512 Bishan Street 13, Singapore 570512

Bukit Merah

Recovery Accountants Pte Ltd
164 Bukit Merah Central #03-3655, Singapore 150164

Jurong East

Jurong Regional Library Level 1, Regus Business Lounge
21 Jurong East Central 1, Singapore 609732

Tampines

NTUC Income Building, Level 9 Tampines Junction,
300 Tampines Avenue 5, Singapore 529653

Sembawang

Just Education Tuition Centre
30 Sembawang Drive
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If you have changed your address or telephone number, if you need any form of assistance in completing the survey, or if you have any questions or feedback, please contact us on our Centre Hotline at **6808 7910** (9am to 5pm, Mondays to Fridays) or by email at slp@smu.edu.sg. We are always happy to hear from you.