

It was John Ruskin who once commented, *'Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces up, snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather'*. Indeed, the National Weather Study Project (NWSP) 2006 not only provided team Airforce with the opportunity to better appreciate nature and its associated vagaries, but also enabled the team to pick up both hard and soft skills along the way. We have emerged erudite, learning about the vast myriad of 'applications' that relate to even a tropical climate like Singapore's, of which does not fluctuate excessively or show any seasonal variations.



Even within the context of Singapore – an island city with generally sunny tropical weather, the environment is immensely important in our continued sustenance and well being. For instance, through participating in NWSP, the team learnt that a minor fluctuation of 1-2 degrees Celsius in temperature can significantly alter the composition of fern and pollen spores in the air. This in turn might cause respiratory or dermatological allergies in some segments of the populace. The weather can also affect the economy such as consumption patterns etc. Indeed, the aforementioned examples are just a few of

the countless things that correlate to the weather. We invite our fellow participants to make the most of their participation in NWSP to discover and investigate more.

Opportunities can be few and far between. As such, team Airforce would like to share a quote from the venerated



master of literature – William Shakespeare. He once commented, *'things won are done, joy's soul lies in the doing'*. We are no Shakespeare, but still, we hope that our fellow participants in NWSP make the most of this opportunity to learn about the various forms of 'good weather', and in doing so, find unparalleled joy.

