



## Volunteers' experiences

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### A view from a volunteer:

# Ooi Choong Hern



“I started my journey as a volunteer with the IFoA in 2015 when I was recruited to be the representative of South-East Asia in the inaugural International Student Consultative Forum (ISCF). The ISCF was set up to discuss opportunities and challenges faced by students outside the UK.”

### The experience of a volunteer in South-East Asia

“The ISCF is also an avenue for the IFoA to gain a better understanding of the ever-increasing international student population.

Meetings are held twice a year via conference calls after the main exam periods in April and September. During these sessions, we provide feedback on the recent examinations, brainstorm ideas on how to overcome issues faced by international students, and talk about any future changes impacting the examination process and structure.

Through this platform, I have personally found it interesting to interact with and learn from other committee members in different parts of the world, such as Europe and the Middle East. My role in the ISCF has also given me the opportunity to engage with many actuarial students in my region. By sharing their experience, thoughts and concerns with the IFoA Education team, I hope I can somewhat contribute in shaping the future of aspiring actuaries.

To all students in the region, we can be reached at [asia.iscf@actuaries.org.uk](mailto:asia.iscf@actuaries.org.uk). We welcome your queries, suggestions and comments, and look forward to hearing from you.”

