



PRESS RELEASE

NUS-ISS' first ever Virtual Learning Festival to empower skills and career transformation

Singapore, 6 August 2020 – In its sixth year, the annual Learning Day organised by the Institute of Systems Science at National University of Singapore (NUS-ISS), continues to deliver a digitalised and immersive experience at the four-day NUS-ISS Virtual Learning Festival 2020. The event, held in conjunction with the nationwide SkillsFuture Month, will be presented live online from 11 to 14 August. Themed 'Empowering Skills and Career Transformation', the event line-up includes over 40 complimentary sessions by NUS-ISS lecturers and guest speakers; engaging virtual exhibits and a live band performance by home grown musicians Jack and Rai.

The past few months have brought about unprecedented changes and the institute constantly adapts and innovates to deliver the learning festival in a virtual manner. Setup began from the ground up by converting a classroom on premise to an in-house video production studio, complete with a green screen to cast captivating virtual backgrounds. Safety measures have also been put in place to ensure safe distancing between speakers.

Said Khoong Chan Meng, CEO, NUS-ISS, "The Virtual Learning Festival aims to enable Singaporeans and a global audience to navigate their future skills and career pathways. Curated specially for the event, the variety of topics offered are succinctly delivered live as interactive learning snippets so as to help fresh graduates, PMETs and mid-career professionals understand the skills and competencies required to pivot toward the digital economy."

The inaugural NUS-ISS Virtual Learning Festival features nine curated tracks, namely, Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Digital Transformation & Leadership, Digital Products & Platforms, Digital Marketing & Design Thinking, Data Science, Smart Health, Smart Systems, and Career Transformation.

With Career Transformation taking centre stage, a blend of career coaching talks will give an in depth overview on NUS-ISS [Professional Conversion Programmes \(PCP\)](#) and [Industry Initiatives](#) that cater to both jobseekers and employers. Said Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister of Education during the opening address of the recent SkillsFuture@NTU event, "Our Institute of Higher Learnings are now expanding their networks of industry partners, and working more closely to foster wide-reaching collaborations with employers. One example is the collaboration between NUS-ISS and NCS Pte Ltd. It allows fresh graduates and mid-career professionals to simultaneously work in NCS and...attain a Master of Technology from NUS-ISS. More importantly, they will gain valuable skills that will position them well for their career in the IT industry."

For more information on the NUS-ISS Virtual Learning Festival 2020 and sign up details, please visit: www.iss.nus.edu.sg/learning-festival

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Our multidisciplinary and real-world approach to education, research and entrepreneurship enables us to work closely with industry, governments and academia to address crucial and complex issues relevant to Asia and the world. Researchers in our faculties, 30 university-level research institutes, research centres of excellence and corporate labs focus on themes that include energy, environmental and urban sustainability; treatment and prevention of diseases common among Asians; active ageing; advanced materials; as well as risk management and resilience of financial systems. Our latest research focus is on the use of data science, operations research and cybersecurity to support Singapore's Smart Nation initiative.

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About the Institute of Systems Science (NUS-ISS)

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NUS-ISS has implemented a unique portfolio of multiple learning pathways, with a wide spectrum of programmes in critical industry disciplines, such as software development, data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, smart health, digital government and digital innovation.

To date, close to 143,525 digital leaders and professionals, 7,440 corporate customers and 6,560 post-graduate alumni have benefitted from NUS-ISS's suite of services. Its programmes are delivered by NUS-ISS staff with an average of more than 20 years of industry experience.

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