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NTU Singapore hosts SkillsFuture@NTU to promote lifelong learning among fresh graduates and mid-career job seekers

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is hosting **SkillsFuture@NTU**, the first-ever virtual event that is part of the SkillsFuture Month to promote lifelong learning among Singaporeans.

Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for Education and Second Minister for Finance, launched the event in person at The Arc on the NTU Smart Campus today. Some 8,750 virtual participants, including fresh graduates and mid-career job seekers, are participating in the event organised in collaboration with SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) and supported by all the local universities, polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education.

With the theme **Reskilling and Upskilling for a Future-Ready Workforce**, SkillsFuture@NTU offers participants 38 online workshops in topics related to reskilling and upskilling, and to help them discover job prospects in diverse industries, such as health care, cyber security, aquaculture, agrifood and 5G technology. The workshops are organised around eight key themes, such as 'AI In Education', 'Future Of Robotics', and 'Recareering In An Uncertain World'.

NTU President, Professor Subra Suresh said, "As organisations around the world continue to transform, the nature of work and the skills required change quickly. Individuals need to deepen and refresh their skills continually to stay relevant and take advantage of new opportunities.

"I hope that the workshops will inspire the participants, who include fresh graduates and mid-career job seekers, to continue to pursue learning throughout their careers. This will enable them to reskill and upskill to meet the demands of the changing industry landscape."

SkillsFuture@NTU will feature two keynote speakers

Professor Ling San, NTU Deputy President and Provost will discuss the opportunities and challenges of a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous (VUCA)

world, and the skills and mindset needed in order to better prepare and thrive in such a world. This is particularly important, as Industry 4.0 and COVID-19 have accentuated the challenges associated with a VUCA world.

Professor Ling said, “The impact of a VUCA world is wide-ranging, affecting the economy, business, politics, society, and the individual. In particular, business models and the nature of jobs are expected to change drastically. Many jobs will become obsolete, while new ones requiring completely different skillsets will emerge. The acquisition of new relevant skills and competencies has therefore become essential for one to remain meaningfully employable and to benefit from the new opportunities that arise.”

Mr Bill Chang, CEO, Group Enterprise, Singtel, will speak on the importance of “Enabling our 5G Future”, and discuss the potential of 5G to transform the economy and society.

Mr Chang said, “5G deployment is on the horizon for Singapore and around the world. This next generation communication technology will change the way people live, learn, work and play. It will spur many new innovations, accelerate digitalisation and transform businesses. 5G will create many growth opportunities for individuals, enterprises across multiple sectors and thus, overall economies. To enable this exciting 5G future, we will need to work together to develop and deepen specific skills and competencies of our workforce so as to harness and capture maximum value for all of us.”

Participants can also visit a virtual exhibition with booths by local universities and polytechnics, as well e2i (Employment And Employability Institute) and EON Reality, a provider and enabler of continuous learning and training solutions.

For more information, visit: skillsfuture.ntu.edu.sg.

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

A research-intensive public university, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) has 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the

Engineering, Business, Science, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, and Graduate colleges. It also has a medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, established jointly with Imperial College London.

NTU is also home to world-class autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Earth Observatory of Singapore, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering – and various leading research centres such as the Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute (NEWRI) and Energy Research Institute @ NTU (ERI@N).

Ranked amongst the world's top universities by QS, NTU has also been named the world's top young university for the past seven years. The University's main campus is frequently listed among the Top 15 most beautiful university campuses in the world and has 57 Green Mark-certified (equivalent to LEED-certified) buildings, of which 95% are certified Green Mark Platinum. Apart from its main campus, NTU also has a campus in Novena, Singapore's healthcare district.

Under the NTU Smart Campus vision, the University harnesses the power of digital technology and tech-enabled solutions to support better learning and living experiences, the discovery of new knowledge, and the sustainability of resources.

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