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Five Polytechnics, ITE and the SCI Sign MOU To Strengthen Students' Pathways into Insurance Careers

Collaboration will connect students with industry experience, applied learning and professional development opportunities

Singapore, 14 October 2026 – The Singapore College of Insurance (SCI), together with Nanyang Polytechnic (NYP), Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP), Republic Polytechnic (RP), Singapore Polytechnic (SP), Temasek Polytechnic (TP) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) has signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen insurance talent attraction and development.

The collaboration creates a common framework for the seven organisations to coordinate industry engagement and make pathways into the insurance sector more visible to students. It will build on existing initiatives, including internships, industry projects, mentorship, scholarships and career activities, while allowing each institution to tailor opportunities to its students and curriculum.

Through the partnership, the organisations will explore opportunities for students to learn directly from insurance practitioners and employers. These may include company visits, job-shadowing, career talks, applied projects, hackathons, internships and work-based learning. Relevant activities may also support alumni and educators through continuing education and professional development.

The aim is to help students understand the range of roles available in insurance, apply their learning to industry challenges and make more informed decisions about their next steps. Engagement with educators and employers will also help keep activities relevant to emerging skills needs.

SCI will serve as a connector between the participating institutions and the insurance sector. Working with employers and sector stakeholders, it will help facilitate access to practitioners, mentors, projects and learning opportunities. The institutions will identify suitable student groups and platforms, support participation and share feedback to improve activities over time.

The partnership will also explore collaboration in curriculum enrichment, scholarships and awards, innovation activities, lifelong learning, employer engagement, and research and evaluation, where relevant to the participating institutions.

Institutional Quotes:

“The future strength of Singapore’s insurance sector depends on how well we introduce young people to the breadth of opportunities it offers and help them develop the capabilities to succeed. This MOU gives us a way to connect the work already taking place across the five polytechnics and ITE with industry needs. By bringing students, educators and practitioners together earlier, we can make learning more relevant and build a stronger, more sustainable talent pipeline.”

Ms Shalini Pavithran, Chief Executive Officer
Singapore College of Insurance

“This partnership will provide Nanyang Polytechnic students with further opportunities to engage with industry practitioners, gain applied insights and explore careers in insurance. By connecting learning with authentic industry perspectives and experiences, we can help students make informed choices and prepare confidently for future education and career pathways.”

Mr Russell Chan, Principal & CEO
Nanyang Polytechnic

As the Ministry of Education-appointed Sectoral Chair for the Accountancy and Financial Services Sector Coordination Team, Ngee Ann Polytechnic is pleased to deepen our partnership with the Singapore College of Insurance. Beyond strengthening the nexus between education and industry, it creates more meaningful opportunities for learners to engage with real-world challenges, gain industry exposure, and build the skills needed for a rapidly evolving financial services landscape.”

Mr Lim Kok Kiang, Principal & CEO
Ngee Ann Polytechnic

“As Singapore’s business and commercial insurance sector evolves, it is important that our students have a clear understanding of the opportunities and skills needed to build careers in the industry. This collaboration brings students closer to practitioners and employers through industry projects, mentorship, internships and other real-world learning opportunities. By strengthening these connections, we can enrich our applied learning and help our students make more informed career choices, while developing the skills and confidence to thrive in a dynamic insurance sector.”

Ms Jeanne Liew, Principal & CEO
Republic Polytechnic

“Preparing our students for the future takes close, sustained partnership with industry. This five-year MOU builds on our existing collaboration with SCI, including capstone projects that allow our Diploma in Banking & Finance students to apply their learning to real industry challenges. By deepening our partnership, we can create more opportunities for both our full-time students and adult learners to build the skills and experiences that strengthen their career readiness and employability.”

Mr Soh Wai Wah, Principal & CEO
Singapore Polytechnic

“Building a future-ready talent pipeline requires strong and sustained collaboration between education and industry. This partnership with the Singapore College of Insurance will create new possibilities for Temasek Polytechnic students, giving them greater access to industry mentorship, workplace experiences, applied learning and meaningful sector engagement. By connecting classroom learning with real-world opportunities, we hope to broaden students’ understanding of the financial services industry, inspire them to explore diverse career pathways, and equip them with the skills, confidence and adaptability to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape.”

**Mr Patrice Choong, Principal & CEO
Temasek Polytechnic**

“This partnership strengthens ITE’s efforts to prepare students and alumni for meaningful careers. By connecting them with insurance practitioners and employers, it provides valuable industry exposure, builds relevant skills and helps them better understand and prepare for career opportunities in the sector, while supporting a strong pipeline of talent for Singapore’s insurance industry.”

**Mr Seng Chin Chye, Principal, ITE College Central
Institute of Technical Education**

Jointly issued by the Singapore College of Insurance, Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education.

About Singapore College of Insurance

For more than 50 years, the Singapore College of Insurance (SCI) has been building capabilities and nurturing talent for the insurance and financial services industry. SCI supports professionals and organisations through professional qualifications, technical training, executive education, customised learning solutions and talent development programmes.

Its industry-driven portfolio spans life and financial planning, general insurance, broking, reinsurance, sustainability, leadership development, and emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, data and digital capability.

SCI has an international reach, serving learners and organisations across more than 50 countries, while working with industry stakeholders and partners to strengthen professional standards, workforce capability and future-ready talent.

SCI has been recognised multiple times as the Asia Insurance Industry Educational Service Provider of the Year.

Find out more: <https://www.scicollege.org.sg/>

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About Nanyang Polytechnic

Established as an institution of higher learning in 1992, Nanyang Polytechnic's (NYP) academic schools offer quality education and training through 38 full-time diploma courses and common entry programmes. NYP also has a full suite of Continuing Education and Training (CET) options for lifelong learning, ranging from specialist and advanced diplomas to SkillsFuture-supported modules and courses. NYP's Asian Culinary Institute Singapore and the Singapore Institute of Retail Studies are CET institutes set up in partnership with SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) to champion and transform Singapore's F & B and retail sectors, respectively. A third NYP CET institute - the National Centre of Excellence for Workplace Learning - also set up in collaboration with SSG, will spearhead the development of progressive workplace learning strategies and programmes for companies here.

For more information, please visit www.nyp.edu.sg.

About Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with over 13,000 enrolled students in about 40 courses across diverse disciplines. It seeks to develop students with a passion for learning, values for life, and competencies to thrive in a global workplace. The polytechnic also supports Continuing Education and Training (CET) through its CET Academy, which offers a wide range of part-time programmes and short courses. It works closely with industry partners to curate programmes for emerging skills, develop talent pipeline for the industries and help adult learners stay agile in today's rapidly changing global economy.

<http://www.np.edu.sg>



About Republic Polytechnic

Established in 2002, Republic Polytechnic (RP) is Singapore's youngest polytechnic. RP offers over 40 full-time courses across diverse fields, including Applied Science, Business, Engineering, Hospitality, Infocomm, Sports and Health, and Technology for Arts, Media and Design. Through its "Becoming Greater Me" framework, RP endeavours to spark joy in learning by helping students discover their purpose and aligning their goals and passions with both academic and life pursuits.

RP adopts effective learner-centred pedagogies to equip students with a wide range of skills needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world. The polytechnic envisions its graduates as Articulate Self-Starters, Passionate Community Builders, and Purposeful Game-Changers. Additionally, RP's Academy for Continuing Education offers a comprehensive suite of lifelong learning programmes, providing graduates and adult learners with upskilling opportunities.

For more information, visit www.rp.edu.sg and follow RP on [LinkedIn](#).

About Singapore Polytechnic

Established in 1954, Singapore Polytechnic (SP) is Singapore's first polytechnic and a polytechnic for all ages. Today, more than 12,800 students across 10 schools pursue 30 full-time diploma courses and four common entry programmes in fields such as engineering, business, computing, health sciences, media and design, and maritime studies.

SP brings industry into the heart of learning. As the regional leader of the global CDIO movement, SP embeds real-world problem-solving across all disciplines, preparing graduates to contribute from day one. Its 13 consultancy and technology innovation centres partner enterprises on applied solutions, while the SP Company and Workforce Transformation (CWT) framework helps organisations build future-ready capabilities.

Through the Professional & Adult Continuing Education (PACE) Academy, SP offers more than 500 industry-aligned courses, including part-time diplomas, Work-Study Programmes and SkillsFuture Career Transition Programmes, enabling professionals to upskill and reskill throughout their careers.

SP's 246,000-strong alumni network includes entrepreneurs, business leaders, public-sector leaders and professionals across industries. Its commitment to education, service and sustainability has earned national and regional recognition, including the President's Award for the Environment, the President's Social Service Award, the ASEAN People's Award and the President's Award for Teachers.

Guided by its vision of a caring community of inspired learners committed to serving with mastery, SP prepares graduates to be life-ready, work-ready and world-ready.

For more information, visit www.sp.edu.sg. Follow SP on Facebook and YouTube @SingaporePolytechnic, on Instagram and TikTok @SingaporePoly, and on [LinkedIn](#).

About Temasek Polytechnic

Established in 1990, TP is one of the leading institutions of higher learning in Singapore. Currently it offers 36 full-time diploma courses in the areas of applied science, business, design, engineering, humanities & social sciences and informatics & IT. It also offers over 40 part-time courses, up to specialist diploma level. TP students undergo a holistic learning system that combines hands-on experience, character education and relevant life skills, in an enriching learning environment.

The Polytechnic has also infused global realities into its programmes and developed a mindset on campus that embraces socio-cultural diversity. Believing in the possibilities of tomorrow, Temasek Polytechnic is committed to co-creating a better world with its stakeholders by nurturing the next generation of values-centred leaders, lifelong learners and future-oriented creators. For more information, please visit www.tp.edu.sg

About Institute of Technical Education

The Institute of Technical Education (ITE) was established as a post-secondary institution in 1992, under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and a key developer of national skills certification and standards, skilling Singapore for the future economy. It offers three key programmes - (1) Pre-Employment Training for youths after secondary education (2) Continuing Education and Training for adult learners and (3) Workplace Learning and Work-Study Programmes with employers. Under its 'One ITE System, Three Colleges' Governance Model, ITE has three Colleges - ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.ite.edu.sg>.

Annex A: Photo

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Annex A

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