

THE INNOVATORS NETWORK

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Singapore's first cross-industry platform for innovation to be launched on 14th May

The first network in Singapore that connects innovators from different industries and professions will be officially launched on 14th May. Aptly called The Innovators Network (TIN), it is founded by The Innovators Institute (TII) and supported by Singapore Business Federation (SBF), SPRING Singapore, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA) and ETPL (Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd). There are a total of 21 participating and supporting organisations.

Mr Charlie Ang, Founding President of The Innovators Institute (TII), explained the rationale behind this network, "Our people and enterprises need to embrace innovation in order for Singapore to progress to the next level of economic development and wealth creation. As we journey towards becoming a global hub for innovators to create world-class innovations and solutions, it is critical to have a national level platform for innovators to share ideas, technologies and experiences. TIN serves to inspire, energise and connect innovators from all backgrounds in Singapore because innovations today often happen at the intersection of different industries and disciplines."

TIN's launch seminar will provide insights on powerful business trends, game-changing technologies and innovation best practices that local enterprises can leverage on. It will feature impassioned speeches by local innovators, such as the keynote speaker, Mr Leslie Loh, who is an ardent advocate of innovation, a serial entrepreneur and an active angel investor. A former board member of IDA and SPRING, Mr Loh is currently the Managing Director of start-up incubator Red Dot Ventures, which invests in technology start-ups. His entrepreneurial success includes growing System Access from scratch into a global enterprise that was eventually sold for S\$120 million. "Local enterprises must move beyond productivity, invest in innovation and

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adopt new powerful digital technologies to help them grow. They should also collaborate with innovators outside of their organisations. If not, they risk being disrupted by new technologies or made irrelevant by competitors who are more innovative,” said Mr Loh.

Mr Ang of TII will share his perspectives on the future of business in the “The Most Powerful Shifts in Business” segment. He is an entrepreneur, speaker, and consultant in the area of futures thinking, innovation and disruptive technologies and the former Chief Innovation Officer of First Media Group. He commented, “In a hyper-speed, ultra-connected and disruption-prone world, innovation is no longer a choice. Efficiency alone will not be enough for success and the ability to innovate is becoming the new competitive advantage in business. TIN can enable local organisations of all sizes to access innovation talent, tools and best practices. I think this will be especially helpful for local SMEs who may not have the high-speed innovation prowess of venture-funded start-ups or the massive R&D resources of multinational corporations.”

Other speakers and panelists include Mr Mohan Belani, CEO and Co-founder of e27, Ms Wong Su-Yen, Chairman of Marsh & McLennan Singapore, Ms Natalie Turner, CEO of Entheo Network, Ms Kavita Gandhi, Executive Director of Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore, Mr Ted Chan, CEO of Thinking Trends and Mr Balaji Ramanujam who was formerly a Regional Director at 3M.

TIN's official launch and seminar will be held at Seminar Room 2 of Singapore Business Federation. The full description of programme can be found at <http://bit.ly/1nAoxco>. All ticket proceeds will be donated to ST School Pocket Money Fund. Interested organisations can also sign up to become network partners or sponsors of TIN.

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About The Innovators Network (TIN)

TIN is the open platform in Singapore that inspires, energises and connects innovators across industries, professions and organisations. Together with various Network Partners, it will organize monthly Innovate Now! Sessions at different venues across the island. Each session consists of three segments. The first segment, Future-Tense, features eminent domain experts who share their perspectives on the future of a particular industry, technology or profession. Dream-Weaver, the second segment, allows start-ups with promising technologies to “call for collaboration” with enterprises for early stage deployment, test-bedding and pilot trials. The last segment, Smart-Trail, is an unplugged session by successful innovators and entrepreneurs to share on their innovation journeys.

Founding Organisation: The Innovators Institute

Supporting Organisations: Singapore Business Federation (SBF), SPRING Singapore, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA), ETPL (Exploit Technologies Pte Ltd)

Network Partners: Nanyang Technological University, National Environment Agency, Design Business Chamber Singapore, Sustainable Energy Association of Singapore (SEAS), Singapore Industrial Automation Association, Green Business Singapore, e27, Kairos Society, IDEation Edge Asia

Corporate / Start-Up Partners: StarHub, Red Dot Ventures, Infinium Robotics

Supporting Service Providers: 8titude Design Lab, Kazoo Communications Pte, Ltd., Ascio Partners, FutureCraft.

More information can be found at <http://www.t-i-n.co>.

About The Innovators Institute (TII)

The Innovators Institute is a professional development centre, peer support network and global expert resource for innovation leaders, professionals and novices in Singapore. Our role is to inspire, nurture and accelerate innovators to drive the Innovation Economy and re-invent the world for the better. More information can be found at <http://www.t-i-i.co>.