



Joint Media Release

M1 and SIM to train a pool of tech talents in Work-Study-Train programme for ICT polytechnic graduates

A first for M1 and SIM

SINGAPORE, 25 MAY 2022 – M1 Limited (M1), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, AsiaPac Technology Pte Ltd (AsiaPac), and Singapore Institute of Management Group Limited (SIM) today announced the launch of a Work-Study-Train programme, the Youth Academy Work-Study-Train programme.

The first between M1 and SIM, this collaboration is specifically tailored for diploma holders looking to further equip themselves with skills in the ICT sector, while pursuing their undergraduate studies. Bridging academic learning with on-the-job training, the programme will allow candidates to focus on AsiaPac’s key capabilities in end-user computing, cloud infrastructure management support as well as network and security support and more.

Successful candidates will pursue a part-time Computer Science and Information Systems-related degree with SIM’s University Partner, University of Wollongong (UoW), as a full-time employee of AsiaPac for a duration of 18 months. As part of SIM’s experience in curating a programme of such nature, students can also expect personalisation in their learning journey in the form of mentorship from AsiaPac’s pool of technical experts. These experts will provide dedicated guidance to each student – ensuring better support towards their personal and career development.

The students also receive opportunities for technology product training and certifications from AsiaPac’s wide network of partners such as Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Huawei, Google, Cisco and VMWare. The programme comes at an opportune time and will help to develop industry-relevant, work-ready talent that are very much required in Singapore today.

“This partnership with SIM is an important step in our enterprise strategy, blending traditional learning and practical experiences to develop tech talents while further building our capabilities to capture opportunities in the ICT sector. As the only telco to be named as one of Singapore’s Best Employers by The Straits Times for the third year in a row, we will continue to actively expand our talent acquisition programme and create more



developmental pathways to attract new tech talents that will value add to our company as we continue our digital transformation,” said Mr. Manjot Singh Mann, Chief Executive Officer, M1.

Mr. Seah Chin Siong, President and Chief Executive Officer, SIM said, “We are excited to partner with M1 to deliver their Youth Academy Work-Study-Train Programme. This programme blends the rigour of UoW’s academic programme with AsiaPac’s real world applications into a student’s work-learn journey. It is an excellent example of how academic institutions and businesses can come together to redefine lifelong learning. Through this meaningful partnership, we are also fulfilling a part of SIM’s *raison d’etre*, which is to empower individuals and organisations to thrive across life stages through learning. By giving diploma holders unique pathways to upskill themselves amidst the ever-changing work environment, they would be able to continuously grow in their career. SIM, also named as one of Singapore’s Best Employers by The Straits Times, will continue to focus on such industry related partnerships and programmes, to help both learners and organisations stay ahead in their industries.”

“AsiaPac is glad to provide career jumpstart opportunities for budding tech talents, giving them the chance to deepen their ICT capabilities while allowing them to acquire work-relevant skills and easing the transition to the workplace when they graduate. It is our pleasure to contribute to the development of an agile workforce in our digital economy and also support our existing workforce to meet the demand and rapid growth of AsiaPac,” said Mr. Andrew Cheng, Managing Director of AsiaPac Technology.

As part of the SIM IT Day on 28 May, budding tech talents can look forward to a panel discussion anchored by AsiaPac, and find out more about the Youth Academy Work-Study-Train Programme from two of AsiaPac’s partners – VMWare and Amazon Web Services. Participants can gain insights and sector trends from professional industry leaders and prepare themselves with tech-focus skills needed to meet the industry’s demand. Participants can also learn more about the IT-related bachelor’s degree programmes offered at SIM. For more information on SIM IT Day, visit [here](#).

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M1, a subsidiary of Keppel Corporation, is Singapore's first digital network operator, providing a suite of communications services, including mobile, fixed line and fibre offerings, to over two million customers.

Since the launch of its commercial services in 1997, M1 has achieved many firsts – becoming one of the first operators to be awarded one of Singapore's two nationwide 5G standalone network license, first operator to offer nationwide 4G service, as well as ultra high-speed fixed broadband, fixed voice and other services on the Next Generation Nationwide Broadband Network (NGNBN).

M1's mission is to drive transformation and evolution in Singapore's telecommunications landscape through cutting-edge technology and made-to-measure offerings. For more information, visit www.m1.com.sg



About Singapore Institute of Management Group Limited

The Singapore Institute of Management Group Limited (SIM) is one of the region's leading private education and lifelong learning institutions, recognised for empowering individuals and enterprises to be fit-for-future and to thrive across life stages. Seeded by the Singapore Economic Development Board in 1964, SIM has, for over 50 years, been relentlessly innovating to meet the needs of industry and our learners.

Today, we remain fully committed to harnessing new knowledge, skills, technology and our ecosystems to provide best-in-class, skills-based learning experiences that enable our students and working adults to pursue higher education and professional development. We also strive to ensure that individuals and enterprises remain future-ready through providing integrated learning solutions to corporates and government agencies.

SIM fulfils our purpose through [SIM Global Education](#), [SIM Professional Development and Enterprise Learning](#), and [Singapore \(Cambodia\) International Academy](#).

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