

NVPC initiative to groom talents in corporate giving

Its five-month Company of Good Fellowship programme kicks off with 39 participants, 11 mentors

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THE National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC) on Wednesday launched a five-month programme to groom talents across various organisations in leadership and corporate giving.

The first-of-its-kind Company of Good Fellowship programme has a pilot group of 39 participants.

At the programme's commencement ceremony on Wednesday, guest of honour Lim Siong Guan, who is adviser to Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC, acknowledged the 39 participating fellows.

The launch of the talent development programme was cemented with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between NVPC and its knowledge partner, NUS Business School, which will host fellowship learning modules and guest lectures in related topics.

Specialists in corporate community investment and corporate giving will be invited to conduct workshops.

The programme's fellows will have an opportunity to engage in seminars and workshops through various learning sessions and action projects. This will help them develop and implement action projects relevant to their companies.

The programme will also open up doors to networking opportunities. It will have 11 participating mentors, and each fellow will be assigned to a mentor who will provide guidance and support throughout the programme.

Ang Kian Peng, director of Samsui Supplies & Services, who is one of the mentors, said he hoped to not only guide but also gain from the participating fellows.

"In terms of age, some of the fellows may be more senior than me, and may even have more wisdom than me. I think it would be a good experience learning from them," he said.

Mr Ang is also confident that this fellowship will benefit participants substantially. "The main takeaway for the fellows will be the three Cs – co-exist, co-create and collaboration. We can leverage the strength of each other to come up with a more impactful event."

Selena Chong, vice-president of corporate social responsibility at Singapore Post, said she was motivated to join the programme as a fellow by the networking, dialogue and learning opportunities it affords.

"By tapping Company of Good's resources and networking, we get better and more effective at what we are doing," she said. "Ultimately, the causes that we support benefit."