

New programmes to train workers in digitalisation from next year

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Companies looking to boost their digitalisation efforts will now be able to benefit from three new programmes that collectively target workers across all levels of a business.

The programmes will be offered by the Singapore Business Federation (SBF) and the Institute of Systems Science at National University of Singapore (NUS-ISS), with the two organisations signing a memorandum of understanding yesterday.

Business owners and leaders can sign up for the Digital Competency Roadmap comprising three courses over five days. The courses aim to equip them with the mindset and know-how needed to map out an effective digitalisation strategy for their firms.

There is also a longer five-course, 13-day variant for employees at the executive level. Executives who wish to take their classroom learning further can also work towards a professional diploma in digitalisation jointly awarded by SBF and NUS-ISS.

This programme will

include a four-month project, in which experts from NUS-ISS will guide participants to apply what they have learnt when they are back in their companies.

The last programme, called Skills for Transformation, is targeted at companies that have already started on their digital transformations.

Depending on each company's needs, NUS-ISS will then work with them to roll out specific training programmes for their employees.

The programmes were announced by Minister of State for National Development and Manpower Zaqqy Mohamad during the opening ceremony of SBF's Future Economy Conference and Exhibition yesterday.

The programmes are expected to kick off early next year and are open to SBF members. Those interested in finding out more can attend a 9.30am briefing at the SBF Centre on Nov 20 or register their interest at nus.edu/2oNvhfl

The next window for registration will open in January.

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