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MEDIA FACTSHEET

National Youth Council's (NYC's) Our Singapore Leadership Programme launches new leadership programme for secondary level students

More than 50 leaders to participate in NYC's leadership programme to be exposed to national perspectives and policy considerations

Our youth leaders have an important role in shaping the future of Singapore. In today's rapidly shifting global environment, staying on top of geopolitical implications, multi-faceted issues such technological advancements and sustainability helps young Singaporeans understand the complexities behind policy shifts and trade-offs.

Providing more opportunities to youth leaders

2 Since 2017, the National Youth Council (NYC) has run the flagship Our Singapore Leadership Programme (OSLP) that focuses on developing young adult leaders between the age of 25 to 35 years. From 2017 to 2022, there have been five non-residential runs of OSLP, one of which took place virtually during the pandemic. These programmes have since impacted close to 150 youth leaders.

3 NYC also recognises the need to develop our younger youths as the country's next generation of leaders, hence the expansion of efforts to extend the OSLP as a new leadership programme targeted at students from Secondary schools and the Madrasahs. NYC believes that empowering youths with knowledge of policy considerations in Singapore's context from a young age will empower them to be able to play a more active and constructive role in society as they embark on their personal leadership journey.

Pilot run of OSLP for Secondary 4 students over a 4D3N residential programme

4 For the first time, more than 50 Secondary 4 students, including Madrasah students, will attend a residential programme over four days as part of the OSLP. Jointly organised by NYC and the National Community Leadership Institute (NACLI), in partnership with the Ministry of Education (MOE), they will participate in dialogues and experiential and immersive activities to advance their understanding and appreciation of national perspectives. Student leaders from different schools will come together to discuss issues such as multiculturalism, environment and sustainability, economy and employment, regional connections and exposure, and how to build a shared future.

Immersive and experiential programme for students to appreciate unique complexities and challenges

5 Through experiential and immersive activities, students are encouraged to reflect on and discuss the policy complexities Singapore as a small multicultural

country has to navigate both domestically and internationally. Students will have the opportunity to participate in unique Singapore experiences and learning journeys to places that they would otherwise not have access to.

6 For example, one of the curated activities *Night Quest at the National Museum of Singapore*, encourages students to navigate through Singapore's history and cultural journey through exhibits, solve puzzles, and complete tasks based on the theme of "Our Singapore Identity and Fundamentals". This segment touches on the topic of multiculturalism, openness, integrity and ingenuity. It is designed to help students understand the importance of racial and religious harmony - a fundamental of the Singapore identity - and the trade-offs that took place in Singapore's journey to nationhood.

Shared experiences to last beyond the programme run

7 Students will bond over these shared experiences and the friendships forged over the course of the programme will shape their personal and educational journeys as they deepen their interests and progress in their respective fields. The connections built with other leaders and changemakers at an early age will serve as an impetus to kickstart their personal leadership journey.

About The National Youth Council

At NYC, we believe in a world where young people are respected and heard and have agency to make a difference. Together with our partners, we develop future-ready youth who are committed to Singapore by instilling in them a heart for service, resilience, and an enterprising spirit. We acknowledge the diverse needs and aspirations of young Singaporeans and ensure our youth have opportunities to develop self-awareness, deepen community spirit, and be future-ready. We hear youth, we empower youth and are **HERE FOR YOUTH.**

**OUR SINGAPORE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (新加坡杰出领导计划) 2022
PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE**

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
5 Dec 2022	6 Dec 2022	7 Dec 2022,	8 Dec 2022
Our Singapore Identity and Fundamentals	Environment, Sustainability, and Innovation	Economy and Employment	Building a Shared Future
Opening Address	Workshop on Sustainability by <i>Secondsguru</i>	Workshop on Future of Work by <i>Praxium</i>	#StraightTalk with Inspiring Changemakers
Teambuilding Activities			Fireside Chat with youth representatives and industry leaders
			Cohort Graduation Ceremony with <i>Minister Edwin Tong</i>
Workshop on Diversity by <i>Common Purpose</i>	#Insider Access Visit to Sembcorp Tengoh Floating Solar Farm and Innovate 360	#Insider Access Visit to Grab Headquarters on “The Future of Work” #StraightTalk with Senior Parliamentary Secretary Eric Chua and Mr Matin Mohdari (Director at Tech for Good Institute)	
#InsiderAccess Night Quest at National Museum of Singapore	#StraightTalk with Green Advocates	Preparation for Graduation Ceremony	
Overnight stay at National Museum of Singapore	Overnight stay at Former Singtel Kranji Transmitting Station	Overnight stay at NACLI	