

## FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMMES FOR SINGAPORE SCHOOLS

Financial education seems to be, by and large, a remote issue to most students. At NIE, we provide pedagogy training for teachers through the Citi-NIE Financial Literacy Hub for Teachers which is funded by a grant from Citi Foundation. The pedagogy training workshops for teachers equip them with engaging pedagogy and ideas to integrate financial literacy in core subjects and co-curricular activities in schools. Follow-up support through mentoring, sharing of best practices and organizing events will further hone their skills and pool resources for the implementation of financial education in schools. There is currently ongoing research into the effectiveness of the programmes.



### (a) Financial Literacy Pedagogy Workshop

This professional development workshop for teachers will empower them with engaging pedagogy and ideas to infuse financial literacy in the curriculum, as well as providing a conceptual understanding of the different models of motivating students in acquiring financial literacy skills and knowledge. The use of a mixed mode delivery model adds a refreshing and exciting perspective to financial education. Through the use of scenarios and examples that students can identify with, the activities break down their natural resistance to the adult world of building up finances, investing for the future, and saving for a rainy day. Resources will be made available to participants.

### (b) School Task Force Mentoring

Our partner schools will further benefit from the Hub's mentoring model where our trainers will guide and empower a team of teachers called the task force to work on planning and implementing of financial education in the school. Coaching the task force that spearheads the financial literacy programmes in the school involves assisting and empowering the team towards achieving the desired outcomes and providing funding and resource personnel support where required. We will offer this through a structured and professional coaching process, combining training, consultation and designing supportive environments that inspire growth in financial literacy.



### (c) Cluster Event

Students will learn financial knowledge and skills through experiential learning by taking part in many exciting activities, such as an Amazing Race-style challenge where they would compete in and complete different financial literacy-based activities at various stations. The cluster event can also take the form of a camp or a competition. These students will then act as ambassadors as they return to their schools and homes to spread the message of the importance (and fun!) of financial literacy. Funding is available from the Hub, as well as ready-to-use engaging activities, ideas and resources.



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## OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### Money \$mart Road Show

A 30 minute game-show style assembly programme hosted by a TV celebrity, Mervyn. The Money \$mart Road Show aims to introduce and excite *primary school students* about financial literacy through interactive and fun-filled activities.

## OTHER PROGRAMMES FOR JUNIOR COLLEGES

### Financial Literacy Talks

We are promoting financial literacy among the junior college student population in Singapore through a series of Financial Literacy Talks. These sessions will create awareness amongst the student population on the importance of financial literacy.

### FINEX 'Amazing Race' Competition

Junior college students can also participate in the annual Financial Expedition (FINEX) competition. This team-based expedition challenge helps students to learn about financial literacy in an engaging and exciting way by taking part in a task-based 'Amazing Race' adventure through the Singapore financial district. Students will be exposed to various financial situations at the various stations to stimulate their interest in finance and underscore the importance of attaining financial literacy.



## CITI-NIE FINANCIAL LITERACY CONFERENCE



The Hub's annual conference provides professional development and networking opportunities for teachers to keep abreast of financial education issues and to learn about current trends and best practices from experts, practitioners and fellow educators. School teachers, with their students, are invited to showcase their programmes and share their experiences of successes and challenges. These have been the steadfast champions in promoting financial literacy.

Our **ONLINE DIGITAL REPOSITORY & WEB FORUM** with useful resources for teaching and learning of financial literacy is open for membership to all teachers. Join our online community of practice to promote financial literacy in Singapore schools today!

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### Background

Organized by the National Institute of Education, Singapore, and funded by Citigroup, the Citi-NIE Financial Literacy Hub for Teachers offers teachers a pedagogy course on promoting financial literacy in schools. There is currently ongoing research into the effectiveness of the programmes. The Hub provides participating schools funding for their financial literacy cluster events; platforms where students get to learn useful financial literacy tips in a fun way and also to network with each other.