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Tech courses for business leaders

ACE was launched at the ICE 2018 Conference (from left: NUS Computing Assoc Prof Keith Barrett Carter; Prof Siow; Prof Tan; and Prof Mohan)

Senior business leaders can equip themselves with knowledge and skills to better harness emerging technologies for digital transformation and business competitiveness, thanks to the new [Advanced Computing for Executives \(ACE\)](#) centre established by [NUS Computing](#).

The executive education centre was launched on 18 July by NUS President Professor Tan Eng Chye at the Innovate. Connect. Economy. (ICE) 2018 Conference.

“Technology has become an integral and strategic part of all businesses today. The establishment of ACE is timely, and will enable industry leaders to better understand technology and formulate strategies to deal with digital disruption and business transformation,” said Professor Mohan Kankanhalli, Dean of NUS Computing.

The centre will offer relevant courses in the “ABCD” of the internet economy – Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, Cloud and Data. In addition, participants can avail themselves of courses about the future of branding and retail, machine learning, financial technology (fintech), as well as risks associated with regulatory technology and fintech. The programmes are taught by “internationally recognised academics who are conducting cutting-edge research in these areas”, shared Prof Mohan.

Courses conducted by ACE are eligible for subsidies offered by SkillsFuture and the Institute of Banking and Finance.

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“Technological advancements have accelerated the pace of change over the years. When companies fail to keep up with changes and hesitate to adopt emerging technologies, they are at risk of becoming obsolete. By attending the courses offered by ACE, business leaders can learn, apply and revitalise their businesses,” added Professor Alex Siow, Director of ACE.

NUS Computing places a strong emphasis on offering relevant training programmes to assist industry and the private sector keep up-to-date with technological changes. Set up in 2009, the Strategic Technology Management Institute (STMI) has provided IT leadership and operation management training to more than 2,000 IT professionals and managers in Singapore and the region. In 2012, the Centre for Health Informatics (CHI) was created to provide training in IT and analytics – it has since educated nearly 1,000 healthcare practitioners and allied health professionals. STMI and CHI are now part of ACE.

Hosted by NUS Computing, the one-day ICE 2018 Conference gathered practitioners and academics to develop action plans on how business and government can be transformed.

See [press release](#).