Economic Society of Singapore

Panel Discussion
Forum on Post
Singapore Budget
2015

25 Feb 2015



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ESS Panel Discussion Forum on Post Singapore Budget 2015

The Singapore government will release their annual budget on February 23 which spells out its objectives and allocation of funds for the coming year. In this context, much is expected to address major issues such as inclusive growth, uncertainties from external global environment, the population-fertility issue, tightening of the labor market, and fostering continued growth and employment for Singapore. It is with this reference scenario that the Economic Society of Singapore (ESS) is organising a post Singapore Budget 2015 panel discussion forum.

The panel speakers assembled here are distinguished in their knowledge of the Singapore economy and international economic affairs.

Chaired by:

Professor David Lee

Director, Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics

Founder, Ferrell Asset Management

Date: 25 February 2015

Time: 3.30 pm Venue: Grand Salor

Grand Salon 1 (Level 2) Grand Hyatt Singapore 10 Scotts Road

Singapore 228211

*Tea Reception will begin at 3pm.

PANEL SPEAKER



Mr. Luis Coronado
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Ernst and Young LLP



Dr. Giovanni Ko Assistant Professor Division of Economics Nanyang Technological University



Mr. Song Seng Wun Regional Economist CIMB Research Pte Ltd



Ms. Selena Ling
Head , Treasury Research & Strategy
OCBC Bank

Admission is free. Seats are very limited.
Admission is only by confirmation of registration.
Please register online at escaling@gmail.com on or before 22 February 2015

A Skillsfuture Budget!

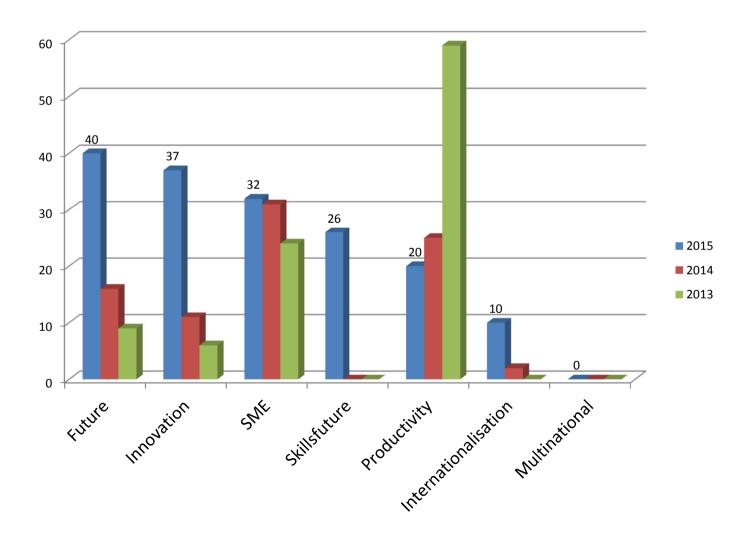
David Lee
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Economics

Budget 2015 In Summary

- Macro and Social
 - Slow growth, deflation, higher food prices, uncertain global economy, low productivity, wages up, S\$ depreciation
 - Hard head, warm hearts, philanthropy, economic and social inclusion
 - Home ownership, CPF, health care assurance, workfare
- Real Estate and Infrastructure
 - Continue to build up, "bulid under" and build ahead
 - Security, welfare, competitiveness: Big Data, Retirement Care, Facilities
 - Stamp Duty lapses for REITs: can't grow on domestic leverage
- Internal versus external economy
 - Digital Economy: Innovation, future, new technology, deep skills,
 SMEs, start-ups, M&A, scalability
 - Social Culture: Collaboration, mentoring for students, mid career employees, and employers

Word Count

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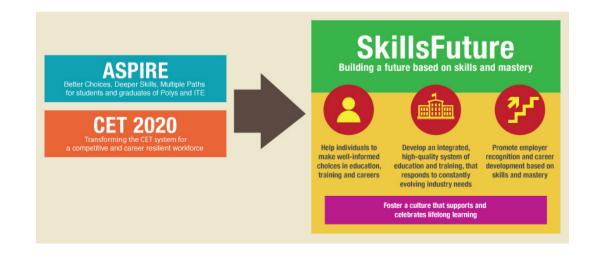
The Focus Has Switched From Productivity to Future Innovation!

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SME sector remains an important player in the economy. Domestic Transition incentives replaced by Future Capability Development and Internationalisation incentives!

Productivity

https://www.youtube.c om/watch?v=LOJbM0a XZp0



An Example:

Alipay online and e-wallet:

You can buy and sell anything with it!



The hottest HongBao in China!



Your credit rating is online and Real-time!

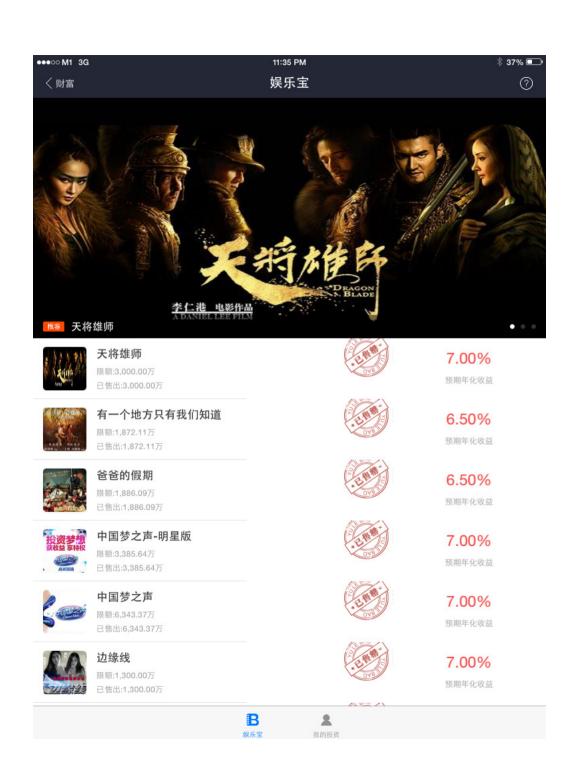
850mil use it!

How many of us heard of it?



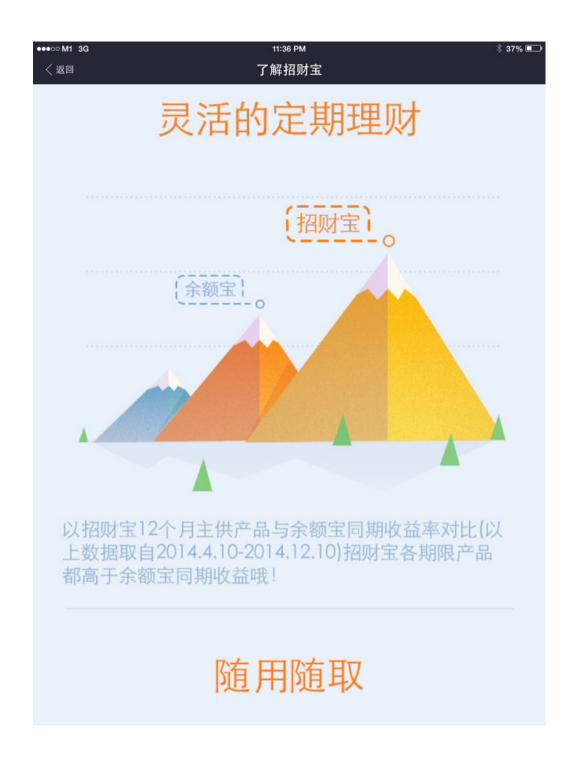
You can crowdfund a movie with as little as 1 Yuan!

A case of regulation behind innovation in Singapore!



You can invest or borrow using a money market fund as little as 1 Yuan, Fixed Income and Gold ETF all via mobile!

Where is the future growth for Singapore?



Innovation, Startup, Scalability, Collaboration, Mentorship, Internationalisation, Merge and Grow

- Co-investment: SPRING's Startup Enterprise Development Scheme (SEEDS) and Business Angels Schemes.
- Venture Debt Risk Sharing Programme: 50% risk sharing with selected financial institutions for loan up to 2 years
- Internationalisation: IE Singapore grant scheme from 50% increase to 70%, 700 projects
- Double tax deduction: for salary of Singaporeans working overseas
- International Growth Scheme: 10% concessionary tax
- Mergers and Acquisition: from 5% to 25% tax allowance and reducing from 50% shareholding requirement to 20%

Whatever it is, as a startup, you have to expand outside Singapore within 3-6 months for the future! It is not without danger!

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It is a social and strategic budget that addresses economic and social inclusion issues for sustainable growth through targeted investment in "Singapore core" human resource and infrastructure in order to build an ecosystem for an innovative and productive economy with an external wing.

Thank you!