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Finan and SMU Sign MOU to Develop AI Talent

Strategic Partnership to Support Development of High-Quality Talent

SINGAPORE, 29 May 2026 – **Finan**, a leading Vietnamese financial technology company serving small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), today announced the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Singapore Management University (SMU)**.

The MOU establishes a formal framework for cooperation across training, recruitment and the development of technology talent. Its centerpiece is the International Internship Program, which will place SMU students at Finan.

The agreement strengthens academic and industry ties between Vietnam and Singapore and supports the development of high-quality human capital.

A Strategic Framework

Under the MOU, Finan and SMU will work together across two key pillars:

- **International Internship Program:** SMU students will join Finan and contribute directly to live projects in product development, data, AI and fintech operations.
- **Talent development:** Structured recruitment, training and career pathways for the next generation of fintech and technology professionals in the region.

“Signing this MOU in Singapore alongside our national leaders carries deep meaning for Finan,” said Bui Hai Nam, CEO of Finan. “Partnering with SMU, one of Asia’s premier universities, reflects our long-term commitment to investing in people and knowledge. The future of fintech depends not only on technology but on a new generation of professionals who think globally, understand the region and can put AI to work. This program gives SMU students a front-row seat to a fast-growing fintech and brings world-class perspectives into our company.”

“Vietnam is one of the most dynamic fintech markets in Southeast Asia. Working with Finan gives our students hands-on exposure to how AI is reshaping financial services for SMEs and expands their professional networks across borders,” said Prasanthi Guda, Acting Director of Dato’ Kho Hui Meng Career Centre, Singapore Management University.

About Finan

Finan is a financial technology company that delivers AI- and data-powered financial and management solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises. Its mission is to expand financial access for SMEs and build a modern, secure and sustainable fintech ecosystem in Southeast Asia. More information is available at <https://finan.one/en/>

About SMU

A premier university in Asia, SMU is internationally recognised for its world-class research and distinguished teaching. Established in 2000, SMU's mission is to generate leading-edge research with global impact and to produce broad-based, creative, and entrepreneurial leaders for the knowledge-based economy. SMU's education is known for its highly interactive, collaborative, and project-based approach to learning.

Home to over 13,000 students across undergraduate, postgraduate professional and postgraduate research programmes, SMU comprises eight schools: School of Accountancy, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, School of Economics, School of Computing and Information Systems, Yong Pung How School of Law, School of Social Sciences, College of Integrative Studies, and College of Graduate Research Studies. SMU offers a wide range of bachelors', masters', and PhD degree programmes in the disciplinary areas associated with its schools, as well as in multidisciplinary combinations of these areas.

SMU emphasises rigorous, high-impact, multi- and interdisciplinary research that addresses Asian issues of global relevance. SMU faculty members collaborate with leading international researchers and universities around the world, as well as with partners in the business community and public sector. SMU's city campus is a modern facility located in the heart of downtown Singapore, fostering strategic linkages with business, government, and the wider community. www.smu.edu.sg

About SMU Dato' Kho Hui Meng Career Centre (DKHMCC)

DKHMCC equips SMU students with personalised career support through guidance, workshops, networking opportunities, and job search resources, empowering them to make informed career decisions and transition confidently into the workforce. DKHMCC also builds meaningful partnerships with employers, connecting them with SMU students who are prepared to thrive through internships and full-time opportunities.

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