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AMTD and Xiaomi Finance will provide S\$5mn to support to enable SMU and NUS-ISS to build curriculum and teaching resources for a digital finance leadership programme.

AMTD Group, Xiaomi Finance, Singapore Management University (SMU) and the Institute of Systems Science at the National University of Singapore (NUS-ISS) have jointly announced the launch of a digital finance leadership programme aimed at strengthening Singapore's position as a fintech and innovation hub.

The 'AMTD-Xiaomi-SMU-ISS Digital Finance Leadership Programme' (AXSI Programme) seeks to deepen the knowledge and ability of senior finance and regulatory leaders in Singapore and fintech entrepreneurs in Asia in the areas of digital business transformation and digital finance.

The Programme seeks to leverage AMTD's network of digital financial services resources and SpiderNet ecosystem; Xiaomi Finance's experience in digital technology services, consumer IoT and innovations; SMU's expertise in digital finance, law and governance and leadership programme delivery track record; and NUS-ISS' expertise in cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

The Programme comprises a five-day executive programme hosted by AMTD in Singapore, and two days of learning hosted by Xiaomi Finance in Hong Kong and Beijing – to help participants gain first-hand knowledge and insights into fintech development at both companies and the opportunities available in the two cities.

AXSI participants such as regulators, corporate leaders and fintech entrepreneurs are expected to come from the Greater Bay Area, Southeast Asia and other parts of Asia.

AMTD and Xiaomi Finance will contribute a total SGD 5 million to support the AXSI Programme, enabling SMU and NUS-ISS to build the relevant curriculum and teaching resources, manage and organise the Programme, and fund scholarships.

The AXSI Programme will have two runs of 25 participants each year, the first starting in November this year, coinciding with the Singapore FinTech Festival.