

ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR LEE WING ON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LEARNING (IAL), AT THE DIGITAL ANDRAGOGY AND MOUS SIGNING CEREMONY EVENT ON 11 JAN 2023, 2.35PM, AT THE LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Education,

Mr Tan Kok Yam, Chief Executive of SkillsFuture Singapore,

Mrs Mildred Tan, Chairperson, SUSS Board of Trustees,

Professor Tan Tai Yong, President of SUSS,

Professor Robbie Goh, Provost of SUSS,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. Good afternoon.
2. Thank you for taking time to join us at the Digital Andragogy and MOUs Signing Ceremony event organised by IAL this afternoon.
3. First and foremost, do allow me to extend my sincere congratulations to our new MOU partners, and welcome onboard the bandwagon of enhancing learning in the digital space.
4. I believe that most of you would have already heard, but for those who have yet to, I am elated to share that IAL was designated as a National Centre of Excellence for Adult Learning (NCAL) at the Global Lifelong Learning Summit 2022 by Minister Chan Chun Sing.
5. What this means for IAL is that we will extend beyond our primary role as a training centre to become a National Centre of Excellence for Adult Learning (NCAL). And on this front, IAL will be spearheading the proliferation of new training pedagogies and technologies across training providers for adult education.
6. As the National Centre of Excellence for Adult Learning, IAL will tap on the expertise and knowledge already built up in our local universities, polytechnics, and private institutions, build on the body of local and international research established in adjacent fields, work closely with the industry, and exchange views through international networks and fora – much like today's partnership with the Singapore National Eye Centre (SNEC) and Microsoft.

7. We have high expectation for this MOU with Microsoft and Singapore National Eye Centre. We wish our joint effort will constantly equip and upskill our people with new yet effective digital tools to help them learn better. And in return, learners are then able to share and proliferate what they have learnt to their colleagues. This thereby creates an ecosystem of scaling up learning within the workplace – and everyone wins because work is being done more effectively without anyone working in silos.

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8. I am also happy to share that we are launching a new initiative, Digital Andragogy which Dr. Justina Tan, the Director of Learning and Professional Development division will bring us through in a while. It is part of our continuous endeavour to drive instructional effectiveness.
9. Additionally, I like to share as part of IAL's continuous endeavour to build a resilient and responsive workforce, we have elevated our signature course, the WSQ Advanced Certificate in Learning and Performance (WSQ ACLP) to a new version titled "WSQ ACLP 2.0" in December last year. Previously, learners had to complete the programme within six months, up to a maximum of nine months. Now, learners can look forward to completing WSQ ACLP 2.0 in just three months. The review of WSQ ACLP was done jointly with SSG. The very first class of this revised programme is slated to commence on 16 January.

Closing Remark

10. With that, I would like to conclude my speech. And I look forward to successful partnerships with all of you. Thank you.