

SINGAPORE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY UNVEILS FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND HABITATS FOR A LEARNING WORKFORCE

Singapore 18 April 2011: The Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) unveiled the architectural designs of two National Continuing Education and Training (CET) Campuses today. As part of the Government's sustained efforts to strengthen the CET infrastructure, the two National CET Campuses are set to redefine the delivery of CET services in Singapore as conducive learning habitats for our workforce.

2. When completed in 2013, the CET Campuses can train up to 50,000 workers annually.
3. The CET Campus East will be located in Paya Lebar Central and the CET Campus West will be located in Jurong Lake District. Purpose built to support the needs of CET; the campuses have broken new grounds with their design concepts in three ways:
 - Service Design: First-ever one-stop gateways for our workforce and employers to access our national CET system
 - Physical Design: First-ever specially designed habitats with modern CET facilities for our workforce to learn and advance with skills –campuses that each and every worker can call their own and visit anytime
 - Partnership Design: First-ever dedicated marketplace where our workforce, employers, and training providers can congregate and learn from one another.
4. For more information, please refer to [Annex A](#).
5. While plans for its physical developments are on track, WDA is also stepping up efforts to attract the right mix of local and overseas partners into the CET Campuses to deliver quality CET programmes for Rank-and-File workers and Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians (PMETs). Each campus is estimated to accommodate at least 10 best-in-class CET providers.
6. Mr Goh Eng Ghee, Acting Chief Executive of WDA, said, "At present, it is hard to find institutions specifically built for CET and there is none like this that WDA is building in Singapore. I am pleased to note that when completed in 2013, the CET Campuses will be a key milestone in the CET landscape. As gateways to our CET system, the CET Campuses will redefine the way we deliver CET by making it more accessible and integrated for our workforce to upgrade their skills, employers to fulfil their manpower needs and training providers synergise to deliver best-in-class training."
7. For details on the facilities within each CET Campus, please refer to [Annex B](#).

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About Singapore Workforce Development Agency

The Singapore Workforce Development Agency (WDA) enhances the competitiveness of our workforce by encouraging workers to learn for life and advance with skills. In today's economy, most jobs require not just knowledge, but also skills. WDA collaborates with employers, industry associations, the Union and training organisations, to develop and strengthen the Continuing Education and Training system that is skills-based, open and accessible, as a mainstream pathway for all workers - young and older, from rank and file to professionals and executives - to upgrade and advance in their careers and lives.

For more information, please visit <http://www.wda.gov.sg>

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