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

The AMTD-Xiaomi-SMU-ISS (AXSI) Digital Finance Leadership Programme aims to help deepen the knowledge and ability of senior finance and regulatory leaders, as well as fintech entrepreneurs in Asia in the areas of digital business transformation and digital finance. This will enable them to harness digital financial solutions and services to strengthen their businesses, according to the joint release.

AMTD and Xiaomi Finance will contribute a total of \$5m to support the AXSI Programme to enable SMU and NUS-ISS to build the relevant curriculum and teaching resources, as well as support the cost of managing and organising this programme.

Part of the contribution may also be used to fund scholarships to attract the most outstanding candidates from the public sector to join the AXSI Programme.

The AXSI Programme, which will have two runs each year, will welcome its first cohort of participants in November. Each run will have up to 25 participants. The inaugural run has been designed to coincide with the Singapore FinTech Festival. Participants of the programme will also be invited to participate in the festival.

During their five days in Singapore, the learning sessions will comprise curated content drawn from Asia, focussing on the topics of new financial ecosystem, financial innovation, sustainability and green finance, FinTech solutions and cybersecurity.

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In addition to the five-day executive programme, participants will also undergo two days of learning journeys in Hong Kong and Beijing, hosted by AMTD and Xiaomi Finance, respectively.

Beyond FinTech-related topics, participants will also learn and share the best practices of various issues in a post-Covid-19 world, including being responsible and responsive leaders.

Participants such as regulators, corporate leaders and FinTech entrepreneurs, are expected to come from different segments of the FinTech ecosystem in the Greater Bay Area, Southeast Asia and other parts of Asia, to learn and network with policymakers, faculty and industry experts during the programme.