NGEE ANN POLYTECHNIC, OPENNODES AND INDORSE LAUNCH GOSCHOOL TO TRAIN READY-FOR-HIRE GO DEVELOPERS WITHIN 10 WEEKS

About 150 job offers and apprenticeships for fresh IT grads from GoSchool partners - Shopee, FoodPanda and Zalora

Singapore, 27 April 2020 — Ngee Ann Polytechnic (NP), Indorse and OpenNodes announced the launch of GoSchool, the first Go Programming Language academy in Singapore that offers a comprehensive curriculum teamed with placement opportunities, to grow the local talent pool of Go developers.

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Go Language by Google is an open source programming language created to simplify building reliable and scalable software. It has grown in popularity to become one of the most in-demand programming languages in recent years. According to Hired.com, Go language is currently the most in-demand coding language in the world.

GoSchool aims to address the lack of proficient Go Developers in the market.

Currently, there is a lack of proficient Go Developers in the market to fulfil the immediate needs of fast-growing companies. Industry players have found a skill gap between the technology graduates and the specialist programmers whom employers seek to hire. GoSchool thus intends to plug this gap by equipping IT graduates with the competency to develop quality industrial software projects using Go Language.

About 150 jobs secured for fresh IT grads, a welcome initiative amid prevailing economic gloom.

Fresh IT graduates will have the opportunity to sign up for the inaugural GoSchool programme that will train them to be competent programmers in 10 weeks. Serving as a career springboard for these graduates, GoSchool has secured to-date about 150 job placement opportunities to meet the talent demand of its hiring partners such as Shopee, FoodPanda and Zalora. These leading tech players require highly scalable, efficient and reliable backend services for their business platforms.

GoSchool also offers its students the opportunity to participate in the Go Apprenticeship programme, a short-term professional attachment that comes with a monthly stipend. The GoSchool programme is eligible for 70%

SkillsFuture subsidy, and participants will have the option to defer their course fees until they secure a job upon the completion of the course. The programme is slated to start in the first week of June 2020.

GoSchool is jointly owned by NP, OpenNodes and Indorse, with each party contributing its areas of expertise and working closely to ensure a fair balance of the talent demand and supply ratio. OpenNodes will support GoSchool's setup, candidate applications and job opportunities. Indorse will focus on its role in matching and evaluating GoSchool students for jobs, with the help of its skills validation platform. NP, on the other hand, is the curator and deliverer of its courses.

"NP is excited to be part of this esteemed partnership to nurture the next generation of tech talent. The launch of GoSchool is a testament to our commitment to designing and developing robust programmes lauded by industry players. This initiative will also open doors for IT graduates to gain emerging skills and land their dream jobs within a short time," said Mr Clarence Ti, Principal of Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

"GoSchool is a platform which will enable the graduates and software developers who know other programming languages to achieve the Go skills which are currently required by the industry players. Furthermore, the graduates will have a unique opportunity of leveraging the Indorse community of expert and experienced software developers to benchmark their skills vis a vis industry professional," said Mr Gaurang Torvekar, the CEO and Co-founder of Indorse.

Scan this QR code to visit GoSchool website:

"Rapid proliferation of technologies, evolving business environment and a massive digitisation drive across industries, have resulted in high demand for tech talent with niche skills in Singapore. Developer roles are some of the most in-demand job positions in tech right now. But there exists a skill gap between the technology graduates and the specialist programmers that companies seek to employ. With GoSchool, our intent is to equip graduates to be competent in developing quality industrial software projects using Golang and be job-ready," said Mr Ng Yi Ming, Managing Partner of Tribe Accelerator and OpenNodes.

"Shopee has always been committed to upskilling and developing the capabilities of our local tech talents. We want to equip the tech talent in Singapore with necessary skill sets, and groom the next generation of tech leaders for the digital economy. This partnership with GoSchool represents a step forward, as we continue to invest in talent and create growth

opportunities in Singapore and the region", said Mr Lim Teck Yong, Head of Regional Operations and People Team, Shopee.

GoSchool is open to all Singapore Citizen and Permanent Resident fresh graduates with IT or Computer Science related backgrounds. Aspiring coders and enthusiast programmers can enroll with GoSchool at www.goschool.sg. The first course run will commence in the first week of June 2020 with an expected intake of 25 participants.

(Refer to Annex A for more details of the GoSchool Programme.)

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About Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Ngee Ann Polytechnic started in 1963 and is today one of Singapore's leading institutions of higher learning with over 14,000 enrolled students in over 30 disciplines. It seeks to develop students with a passion for learning, values for life, and competencies to thrive in a global workplace.
http://www.np.edu.sg

About OpenNodes – Powered by Tribe

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https://opennodes.com

About Indorse

Enterprise companies use the Indorse platform to build great tech teams, upskill their workforce, and enable innovation. The platform is focused on tech & coding skills and leverages a community of leading industry experts spread across the globe.
https://indorse.io/

Annex A

More details of the GoSchool Programme

GoSchool's Go Language programming curriculum consists of 7 components that focus on equipping students with fundamental skills that will get them hired. Each project submission will be assessed by an actively practising Go developer. Total duration of the entire programme is about 2 months.

	Key Course	Description	Duration
1.	**Go Basics**	Participants will gain fundamental knowledge and skills with an introduction to programming	24 hours (3 days)
2.	**Go Advanced**	Participants will learn advanced concepts in Go programming such as packages, creation of data structures and error handling mechanism. Go's rich support for concurrency will be discussed.	40 hours (5 days)
3.	**Go in Action I**	Participants will explore the practical aspects of Go software development in detail. This course will also cover creating servers and clients in Go with networking programming.	24 hours (3 days)
4.	**Go in Action II**	Participants can expect to dive deeper and examine some of the practices and patterns that are generally adopted in Go development through this course.	24 hours (3 days)
5.	**Go Microservices I**	Participants will master the fundamentals of microservice architecture, how to encode/decode data using JSON, as well as RESTful communication.	24 hours (3 days)
6.	**Go Microservices II**	Participants will work on accelerating the development and delivery of Go Projects with this course that focuses on testing, monitoring and implementation.	24 hours (3 days)
7.	**Project Go Live**	Participants will develop real-life projects with a face-to-face session per week. Participants can showcase their projects to major industry players on demo day and secure job opportunities.	120 hours (3 weeks)
8.	**Go Apprenticeship**	Participants who wish to have hands-on experience as a Go Developer, before committing to a full job scope, have the opportunity to undergo the Go Apprenticeship programme, a 3-month professional attachment with a monthly stipend.	480 hours (12 weeks)

<u>Course Fees</u>

Before SkillsFuture subsidy   : S$16,400
After 70% SkillsFuture subsidy[1] : S$ 4,920
(Option to defer payment till student gets hired after completion of the course)

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[1] *Open to Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents preparing to join the workforce.*