SIT to be full-fledged university by 2014

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As the Republic's fifth and seventh universities, the two should be expected to provide the bulk of the additional places yearly, and raise the cohort participation rate from the current 27 per cent to 40 per cent by 2020.

These are two-year programmes catering mainly to part-time students who have already found employment, and are part of a modular framework that allows them to be stacked one on top of another.

These new programmes are not finalised. Senior Minister of State for Education Lawrence Wong, who led the committee that looked into the expansion, said SIT was picked to offer the applied degree pathway because it already had many elements of such a model.

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