

Singapore, Malaysia call for strong digital healthcare leadership

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IMU University and NUS-ISS to help healthcare organisations build the leadership capabilities



As healthcare systems across Asia accelerate investments in artificial intelligence (AI), digital platforms, and data-driven care, increasing attention is being placed on the leadership capabilities required to guide transformation and maximise value from these investments.

The discussion comes at a pivotal moment for Malaysia as the nation advances its AI agenda as a key driver of economic growth. With AI projected to contribute between RM13 billion and RM20 billion annually to GDP by 2030, Malaysia is accelerating AI adoption across strategic sectors, including healthcare, while strengthening governance and accountability frameworks.

Against this backdrop, Malaysia's IMU University and NUS-ISS (Institute of systems Science) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) jointly organised the executive forum, "**The New Mandate: Digital Leadership as a Leadership Capability - Navigating AI, Financial Stewardship, and Workforce Transformation for Healthcare Leaders**", bringing together senior healthcare executives, hospital leaders, policymakers and industry stakeholders to discuss how healthcare organisations can move beyond AI experimentation and translate digital investments into sustainable, enterprise-wide value.

At the forum, IMU University and NUS-ISS signed a collaboration agreement reaffirming their shared commitment to strengthening leadership and workforce capabilities across the healthcare sector. Under the agreement, both institutions will co-develop and co-deliver the "**Digital Leadership and Value Creation Programme**", which will be offered by IMU University from September 2026.

Designed for senior healthcare leaders and executives, the programme will equip participants with practical frameworks and capabilities to lead digital transformation initiatives, align technology investments with organisational goals, and create sustainable value in an increasingly data-driven healthcare environment.

Both institutions will also explore broader opportunities in executive education, leadership development, and industry-focused programmes to support healthcare organisations in strengthening digital readiness and building capabilities for sustainable transformation.