

HGSE SINGAPORE TREK 2026

PARTICIPANT ITINERARY

2–6 November 2026 | Singapore

A five-day immersion into Singapore's education ecosystem

School and university visits • Leadership conversations • HGSE community • Culture and innovation

Welcome to the Trek!

The HGSE Singapore Trek 2026 brings participants into direct conversation with educators, school and university leaders, and members of the wider Harvard community in Singapore. The programme combines institutional visits, classroom observations, leadership dialogue, community events and an optional cultural evening. ***Please note, the HGSE Singapore Trek 2026 is a student-led activity and not officially affiliated with Harvard Graduate School of Education.***

Important: Activities marked TBD or tentative remain subject to confirmation. Final venue, transport and logistics updates will be circulated before the Trek.

Your Action Required: To join, please sign up on [all](#) yellow highlight items with registration links maintained by separate entities (Program committee, HGSE, Harvard Club of Singapore)

Week at a Glance [Join the HGSE Singapore Trek 2026 - Registration with Program Committee: Sign up here](#)

Date	Focus	Key Stops
Mon 2 Nov	Welcome & HGSE Community	Academy Prêt • Visit to Google • NIE • Tsao Foundation Training Academy • HGSE Community Reception
Tue 3 Nov	Higher Education & Leadership	SUSS • NUS • Harvard Club of Singapore event
Wed 4 Nov	K–12 Education	XCL World Academy • Singapore American School • HGSE IEPM Class
Thu 5 Nov	K-12 Education, International Education, Tertiary Education	Global Indian International School • RD American School • Ngee Ann Polytechnic
Fri 6 Nov	Innovation & Culture	Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein (tentative) • Apple Southeast Asia Office • Optional SSO concert

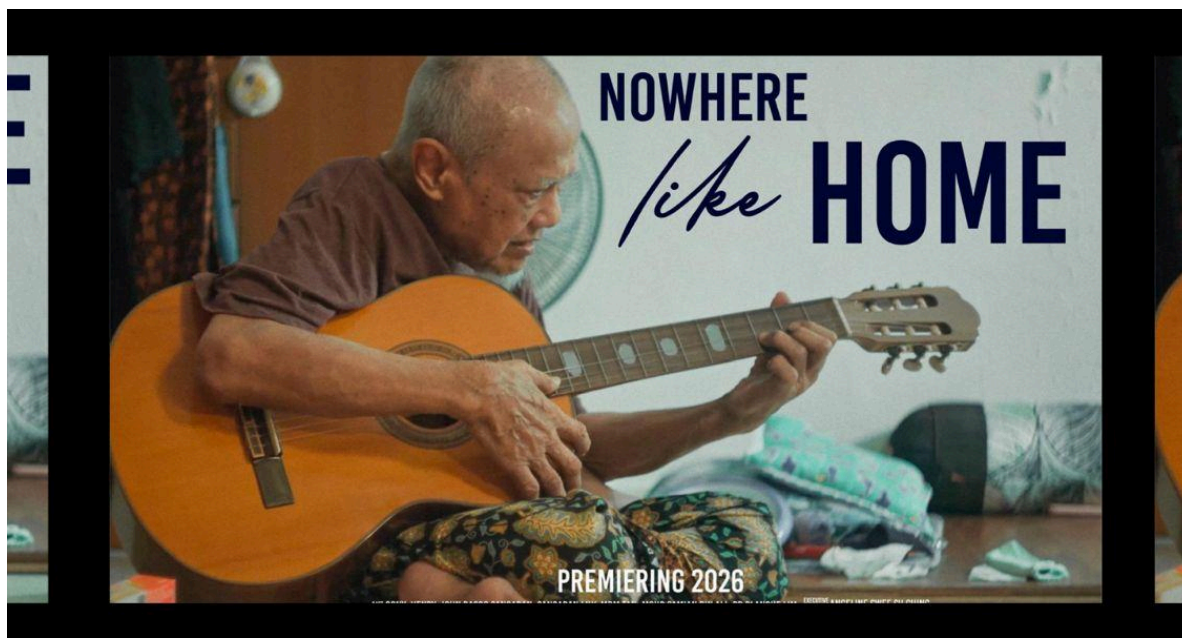


MONDAY | 2 November 2026

Welcome to Singapore & the HGSE Community

Time	Programme	Venue	Participant Notes
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Visit to Google Office Hosted by Mehr Vaswani Bancel	Google Office	Tour of Google Office & fireside chat. Limited spots available - confirmation required. Please sign up via Trek registration link
2:00–4:00 PM	National Institute of Education Visit	National Institute of Education (NIE)	Explore teacher education and professional learning in Singapore.
5:00–7:00 PM	Tsao Foundation Training Academy non-profit charitable organization	Temasek Shophouse Banyan Cove	Private screening of the documentary <i>Nowhere Like Home</i> and a conversation with the charity team on the intersection of healthcare and education: ageing, elder community care, and caregiver training in Singapore
7:00 - 8:30 PM	Official HGSE Reception in Singapore: Student & Alumni Reception	Temasek Shophouse Banyan Cove	For HGSE alumni, current & prospective students. Light refreshments provided.

Evening Highlight 1: Private Documentary Screening on Elder Caregiving & Panel Discussion



Launched in early 2026, the documentary ***Nowhere Like Home*** offers a rare and intimate look into the lives of families as they navigate the challenges of caregiving. The film highlights their unwavering dedication to providing care, dignity, and love for those closest to them.

Join us for a special private screening exclusively for the **HGSE community** and **invited guests of Temasek Shophouse and Alphavita Capital**, followed by an illuminating panel discussion, networking bites and drinks.



**2 November 2026,
Monday**



5:00 PM - 6:30PM



**Temasek Shophouse
Banyan Cove**

Programme

- 5:00 PM Guest Registration
- 5:15 PM Opening and Welcome
- 5:20 PM Documentary Screening *Nowhere Like Home*
- 6:00 PM Panel Dialogue:
Rethinking Longevity
Through Community Care,
Education & Capacity
Building
- 6:30 PM Networking

Panel Discussion: Building Communities of Care

Moderator



Anne Kim
Founding Partner,
Alphavita Capital
Finance Committee
Member, Tsao Foundation



Panelist



Dr James P. Honan
Harvard Graduate
School of Education
& Harvard Kennedy
School



Panelist



Jenny Wong
Executive Director,
Tsao Foundation
Hua Mei Training
Academy



For Questions or to Connect & Collaborate: ashley@alphavitacapital.com

Please note that photography and videography will take place at this event for documentation and publicity purposes

Evening Highlight 2: Official HGSE Reception in Singapore

An informal reception for conversation and connection with the HGSE community. Participants can ask questions, build connections and hear directly from HGSE community members about their experiences at HGSE and beyond.

Questions: Michael Gaetos, Assistant Director of Admissions • michaelgaetos@gse.harvard.edu



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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

HGSE in Singapore

Community Reception

For prospective & current
students and alumni

Join us for an evening of
conversation and connection



 2 November 2026,
Monday

 6:30 PM - 8:30PM

 Temasek Shophouse
Banyan Cove

Program

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM HGSE Reception &
Community Networking



Registration Required

Please scan the QR
code to save a spot

For HGSE Admissions: michaelgaetos@gse.harvard.edu

Registration Required via HGSE: <https://apply.gse.harvard.edu/register/SG2026>

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TUESDAY | 3 November 2026

Higher Education, Leadership & the Human Future

Time	Programme	Venue	Participant Notes
10:00–1:00PM	Fireside Chat: How should we count success?: Rethinking the Entrepreneurial Bottom Line into the business of Doing GOOD	Singapore University of Social Sciences	Fireside Chat and SUSS networking event for HGSE students
1:30 -3:30 PM	Visit to the National University of Singapore Hosted by Marcus Chua (HGSE 2027)	National University of Singapore	Detailed end time to be confirmed.
6:00–8:00 PM	Investing in What Makes Us Human: Leadership, Creativity and Institutions in the Age of AI Hosted by Harvard Club of Singapore	Fangda Partners Singapore, 1 Raffles Place, Level 55	Current HGSE students attend free . Register by 28 October 2026.

Evening Highlight

Hosted by the Harvard Club of Singapore, this event explores what becomes more important as AI becomes more capable. HGSE Prof. James P. Honan, Kenneth Kwok (HGSE 2007) and Anne Kim (HBS 2016, HGSE 2027) will discuss human capability, creativity, health, education, leadership, community and resilient institutions in the age of AI.

Venue: Fangda Partners Singapore, 1 Raffles Place, Level 55, Singapore 048616



Investing In What Makes Us **Human**: *Leadership, Creativity & Institutions in the Age of AI*

Artificial Intelligence is transforming how we work, learn, create and organize society. As tremendous capital and attention is directed to building technological infrastructure and computing power, **how can we ensure that human beings and human institutions will continue to flourish?**

This session brings together leaders from education, healthcare, culture, public service, institutional leadership, and investments to explore what becomes more important - not less - as technology becomes more capable.

In Conversation With



Anne Kim
Founding Partner
Alphavite Capital
HBS 2016, HGSE 2027



Kenneth Kwok
Chief Executive Officer
Singapore Symphony
HGSE 2007



Dr. James P. Honan
Harvard Graduate
School of Education &
Harvard Kennedy School

About Dr. James P. Honan
Dr. Honan specializes in Strategic Finance for Mission Aligned Organizations. At Harvard, he is the educational co-chair of the Institute for Educational Management (IEM) and is a faculty member of both Harvard Graduate School of Education and Harvard Kennedy School.

Tuesday November 3, 2026
6 - 8 PM
1 Raffles Place Level 55

Venue & refreshments provided by Fangda Partners Singapore

Register Required via Harvard Club of Singapore: ticket purchase required - FREE for current HGSE students

<https://harvard.sg/event/investing-in-what-makes-us-human-leadership-creativity-and-institutions-in-the-age-of-ai/>

WEDNESDAY | 4 November 2026

K–12 Education & the HGSE Classroom

Time	Programme	Venue	Participant Notes
9:00–11:30 AM	XCL World Academy Visit Hosted by Sree Vijayamohan (HGSE 2027)	XCL World Academy	K–12 international school tour.
1:00–3:30 PM	Singapore American School Visit Hosted by Carin Chow (HGSE 2028)	Singapore American School	School visit and engagement with the SAS community.
9:00–11:00 PM	HGSE IEPM Strategic Finance Class with HGSE Prof. James P Honan Attend LIVE! With special guest speakers Dr. Kenneth Goh (nominated Member of Parliament, President of Singapore Aquatics, SMU faculty & HGSE 2005) • Melvin Loh (HGSE 2026) • Anne Kim (HGSE 2027)	Academy Prêt Conference Room + Zoom Orchard Ngee Ann City • Tower B Level 22 • Industrious	Live-streamed at 8:00 AM EST; open to current and past IEPM and OEL students. Limited to 10 seats.



THURSDAY | 5 November 2026

Early Childhood & International Education

Time	Programme	Venue	Participant Notes
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	[TBD - alternative slot] Visit to Raffles Girls' Secondary School	Raffles Girls' School	To be confirmed - alternative slot
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Visit to Global Indian International School	Global Indian International School	Meeting with school leaders and classroom observations.
2:00-4:00 PM	Visit to RD American School Visit	RD American School	School tour and classroom observations.
4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Visit to Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Ngee Ann Polytechnic	Discussion on how higher education institutions are prioritising work-readiness



FRIDAY | 6 November 2026

Innovation, Science & Singapore Culture

Time	Programme	Venue	Participant Notes
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Visit to SUTD Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities	SUTD	Tour and Demonstration of staff and student projects on innovation and education-related endeavours
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Visit to Apple Southeast Asia Office	Apple Southeast Asia (Innovis)	Tour and Discussion with Mr. Paviter Singh, Regional Development Executive, Education (South Asia)
7:30 PM	Optional: Sibelius and Wagner – Finlandia and Götterdämmerung concert	Esplanade Concert Hall	Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Approx. 2 hours including a 20-minute intermission.



Optional cultural finale at Esplanade Concert Hall

Buy your tickets here:

<https://ticketing.sso.org.sg/sso/booking/SOT2645-1>

Participant Notes

Programme status

Raffles Girls' School remains tentative/TBD.

Additional visits under consideration

Visit to Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein is listed as tentative but have not yet been assigned a date or time.

Arrival

Please plan to arrive at each venue 10–15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Final transport and meeting-point instructions will be circulated separately.

Dress

Smart casual is recommended for institutional visits and receptions unless otherwise advised.

Hotel Options

Hotel options - other than the usual Marriott / Hilton / IHG

Super Affordable <USD 100 / night

- Pod Capsule Hotel https://www.thepodcapsulehotel.com/en/m2/?open_calendar=true
- YWCA Fort Canning <https://www.ywcafortcanning.org.sg/>

Reasonable & chic ~USD150/night

- Yotel Orchard <https://www.yotel.com/en/hotels/yotel-singapore>
- Lyf Funan <https://www.discoverasr.com/en/lyf/singapore/lyf-funan-singapore>
- Mama Shelter <https://mamashelter.com/singapore/>

Luxe

- The Mondrian Singapore
- Marina Bay Sands
- Fullerton Bay Hotel
- The Fullerton
- 21 Carpenter

Where Do I Register? Complete All Links Below - Maintained by Separate Event Groups
Interested in joining the overall Trek / school visits & IEPM class? [Complete the participant sign-up form](#)

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Harvard Club of Singapore event on Nov 3 Tuesday:
<https://harvard.sg/event/investing-in-what-makes-us-human-leadership-creativity-and-institutions-in-the-age-of-ai/>

SSO Concert on Nov 6 Friday: <https://ticketing.sso.org.sg/sso/booking/SOT2645-1>

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- **Cheryl Choy Min** — OD Lead, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
- **Anne Kim** — Founder & CEO, Academy Prêt, HGSE Singapore Trek 2026 Program Co-Chair
- **Claudine Fernandez** — Chief Learning Officer, Academy Prêt, HGSE Singapore Trek 2026 Program Co-Chair