

# **SPEECH FOR NTUC FIRST CAMPUS CEO CHAN SU YEE AT NFC-TOUCH COMMUNITY MOU SIGNING CEREMONY ON 23 MARCH 2024, SATURDAY, 1.30PM**

Good afternoon,

- Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Communications & Information and Second Minister for Home Affairs
  - Mr James Tan, CEO of TOUCH Community Services
  - Mr Ben King, Country Managing Director of Google Singapore
  - Parents and children!
1. NTUC First Campus's mission is to enable bright futures for every child and their family. And that means empowering them with the skills, disposition and opportunities to thrive in a rapidly changing world.
  2. Technology has become an inescapable part of our daily lives and it will continue to evolve and shape our future world. The rapid advancements in tech present vast opportunities for learning, creativity, and connection.
  3. Yet, it also poses challenges and dangers. As educators and parents, we must be aware of what these challenges are, and, very importantly, equip our children with the skills to understand and address them so they can stay safe while benefiting from the best of technological development.
  4. In recognition of this, NFC launched our Digital Literacy Programme, or DLP, last year. The DLP is a first-of-its-kind structured programme that is conducted over six school terms for preschoolers to learn how to navigate the digital world safely and purposefully.
  5. This is what we call Digital Intelligence. Along with Relational Skills and Global Citizenship, it forms the three vital skills we look to instil in children so they can thrive in the future.
  6. Therefore we were excited to learn about the First Device Campaign and be able to work with TOUCH Cyber Wellness as their community partner on this important effort in Singapore. This is a unique opportunity to bring together our respective strengths to boost digital intelligence and underscores our commitment to developing this vital skill.

7. We encourage children to view technology as something that can be wielded safely and confidently. Our curriculum focuses not only on how to use the tools but also on socio-emotional well-being and online safety, touching on topics like cyberbullying, scams and online etiquette in an age-appropriate manner.
8. Touch's localised FDC resources enhance our approach of using a blend of storytelling, fun puzzles and games, discussions, and hands-on practice to build a foundation of digital intelligence that will serve children well beyond their preschool years.
9. Together, we can better achieve our shared goal of empowering more families with the resources and knowledge to guide children safely and confidently through their digital journeys.
10. Congratulations to Touch and all their partners on the launch of the First Device Campaign! We look forward to working together to enable bright, safe futures for every child and their family.
11. Thank you.