Conference on investment draws students

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NANYANG Technological University’s Investment Interactive Club (NTU-IIC), in partnership with CIMB Securities, launched the inaugural NTU-IIC Singapore Financial Conference last Tuesday.

The student-organised conference, held over two days, focused on teaching investment fundamentals to undergraduate students, who want to kick-start their investment journey, but have little or no financial knowledge. Topics ranged from investment instruments and techniques to presentations on careers in the financial industry.

The conference opened with Sean Seah expounding on “Introduction to Investing”, sharing lessons learnt from his personal experience. Mr Seah is the Securities Investors Association of Singapore (SIAS) speaker and master trainer (value investing options strategy). Thereafter the talks gradually progressed to more in-depth topics such as “Basel III and its Implications”, concerning new banking regulations implemented in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis.

Other subjects of interest such as “Mastering the art and science of investment psychology” by Sam Goh, and the experience of “Life as a floor trader and what it is today” by Tom Yeun, served to add to the understanding of investment for the audience of about 300 students.

Mr Goh is executive wealth coach at Wisdom Capital. Mr Yeun is a professional futures trader and SGX Academy trainer.

The conclusion of both days saw students remaining behind to spend time interacting with the keynote speakers and panellists, suggesting that the engagement during the sessions had been largely positive.

According to Vignesh Kumar, a political science major at Singapore Management University, “finance is one of those subjects that I was eager to learn more about but never knew where to start. This conference showed me where to begin and I would definitely attend more events like this one”.

The NTU-IIC was founded in 1999, and has since become the university’s largest finance society with a membership of over 3,000 students. Their goal of creating “a knowledgable investing student population” has been demonstrated through a steady 20 per cent rise in trading activity in the youth segment of CIMB, year on year for the last five years.