The full-time Double Masters Programme will help early- and mid-career executives stay up to date with new competencies in the industry, including emerging technologies in fintech and blockchain.

As announced by Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore), NTU Singapore and Peking University (PKU) will offer a Double Masters Programme from November 2019.

The full-time Double Masters Programme is aimed at early- and mid-career executives who want to stand out and thrive in the rapidly growing and competitive finance sector in Asia. It provides an attractive proposition to talented executives and professionals from China, Singapore and the rest of the world who want to enhance their knowledge of the region and be up to date with new competencies in the industry, including emerging technologies in FinTech and blockchain.

“We are pleased to partner with Peking University, a renowned global university. NBS has worked with several eminent institutions of higher learning in China to introduce various business programmes. This collaboration with Peking University underscores our commitment to finance and business education in Asia and beyond,” said Professor Robert Kennedy, Dean of NTU’s Nanyang Business School.

“We believe that the programme’s robust curricula will prepare our students for leadership roles that will bridge China’s financial markets with the global economy,” Prof Kennedy added.

The bilingual Double Masters Programme, which enhances the quality and diversity of finance education offered by NTU and PKU, will be delivered in two stages at both universities. The programme will be jointly offered by NTU’s Nanyang Business School and Peking University’s School of Economics.

Students will typically spend nine months to complete at least nine courses under the MSc in Finance programme at NTU’s Nanyang Business School in Singapore, and another 12 to 24 months to complete one of four professional Master’s programmes in finance, insurance, tax and international business at PKU’s School of Economics in Beijing.
As part of their exposure, students in the programme will attend seminars and workshops conducted by industry professionals on current industry trends and topics, both in Singapore and Beijing.

Graduates will be awarded NTU’s Master of Science (MSc) in Finance degree and a Master’s Degree by PKU upon completing this full-time programme.

Professor Sun Qixiang, Dean of School of Economics Peking University, said, "The Double Masters Programme between Nanyang Business School and School of Economics Peking University offers a great opportunity for the participating students to experience two diverse cultures and academic environments, strengthening their academic versatility and enhancing their outlook and adaptability as a global citizen."

Last October, the Monetary Authority of Singapore unveiled the industry transformation map (ITM) for financial services, as part of the broader national strategy to restructure the economy. The ITM aims to create 3,000 jobs in financial services, and an additional 1,000 jobs in the FinTech sector annually by riding on Asia’s continued strong growth.

As reported earlier, the ITM aims to make Singapore aims a leading international wealth management hub. A key focus of the ITM is to facilitate pervasive innovation in the financial sector and encourage the adoption of technology for increasing efficiency and creating opportunity.

Towards this objective, MAS plans to step up efforts to encourage financial institutions to enhance connectivity and FinTech innovation through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). MAS will also collaborate with financial institutions to create common utilities, such as for electronic payments, digital ID, and electronic know-your-client (KYC) checks.