NTU and SGX offer trading courses

ASPIRING share market whizzes have a chance to hone their investing skills in a new series of courses that includes simulations of live trading.

The courses are being run at the Centre for Financial Education at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), which has 80 trading terminals linked to the Singapore Exchange (SGX).

The centre – it has been set up by the SGX and NTU – expects to train up to 250 people in its first 12 months, said SGX chief executive Magnus Bocker at the opening yesterday.

It plans to offer 10 or so classes a year, each one accommodating up to 25 students, said Professor Low Buen Sin, the centre’s director.

Its courses will include algorithmic trading, corporate governance, emerging trends in capital markets, and eventually courses to help start-ups learn to utilise Singapore’s capital markets.

Programmes will be tailored to industry professionals and regulators, although members of the public can also enrol. Courses specific to NTU students will also be offered.

The first intake is next month for the first part of a course on algorithmic, or automatic, trading that will last two days and will cost from $3,900 to $4,300, depending on whether the applicant is an SGX member. The second and third parts of the course will be launched in November.

People who qualify for the Monetary Authority of Singapore Financial Training Scheme will receive funding support.

Mr Bocker said in a statement that he hopes the Centre will help promote Singapore as a key training centre for capital market professionals.

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