

Principals Academy Inc (PAI) providing Regional Professional Development Training for educators

The Academy of Principals, Singapore (APS) and EDB Ventures have formed a joint venture Principals Academy Inc (PAI), to provide ***Professional Development Training services*** to educators, educator leaders and professionals both in Singapore and beyond our shores.

Incorporated in Nov 2003, PAI has already made some impact in the training domain. With the help of the Singapore Tourism Board, PAI has successfully launched a series of training programmes for educational leaders from the region. More than 150 Principals and senior educators from Asia have undergone PAI's training on school leadership and management skills.

PAI also identifies suitable overseas trainers to provide training for local educators on recent education theories and practices. To date, some 500 local educators have attended such training programs. PAI plans to train more than 5000 educators by 2007.

Other than training, PAI also organises centralised certification testing throughout the year to facilitate the entry of foreign students who wish to enrol in Singapore schools. PAI has undertaken this testing mainly to add value to our services to schools. At the same time, it has helped cut down the repeated number of tests foreign students have to take for each school they apply to. With the most recent test conducted in early Nov, more than 1,100 candidates have so far received certification from PAI.

PAI will be initiating many other relevant new initiatives in the coming months, both in Singapore as well as overseas.

APS is the professional association for Singapore's school principals and senior education leaders and has the strong support of the Ministry of Education. "We are delighted to have this partnership with EDBV Management Pte Ltd as it provides the opportunity for our educators to share their tacit knowledge on educational leadership and other topics related to education with our counterparts in Singapore and the region" says Mrs Belinda Charles, the President of APS and also a Director of PAI.

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