CFTE Returns to Singapore FinTech Festival to Advance Workforce Transformation at Scale

From the inaugural festival in 2016 to the AI era, CFTE joins Global financial leaders to address the transformation of jobs, skills and institutions.



London, United Kingdom Nov 16, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - The Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE) returns to Singapore FinTech Festival (SFF) as a Community Partner in 2026, bringing workforce transformation at scale to discussions about artificial intelligence, the future of work and financial innovation. The festival takes place at Singapore EXPO from 18 to 20 November, with CFTE participating in a wider week of industry and institutional engagements.

CFTE co-founder Tram Anh Nguyen is an SFF Ambassador for Talent Rewiring. Together with co-founder Huy Nguyen Trieu and the CFTE team, she will engage financial institutions, regulators, policymakers and innovators on the capabilities needed to turn technological advances into practical results.

From fintech innovation to AI workforce

CFTE has been part of the SFF story since its beginning. Huy Nguyen Trieu spoke at the inaugural festival in 2016, before CFTE was founded. By the 2017 edition, CFTE had launched and celebrated its first graduation during the festival. Over the following years, the organisation contributed through speaking engagements, knowledge partnerships and professional development activities.

A decade later, the conversation has broadened. Financial institutions continue to invest in payments,

digital services and new technology, but AI is also changing professional work itself. The question is no longer only what technology can do. It is how organisations prepare people, redesign roles and develop the judgement and leadership needed to use it well.

The SFF 2026 theme, “The Coming Rewiring of the Financial System: New Risks. New Rules. New Growth.”, places talent alongside technology, policy and capital as a force reshaping finance. CFTE will focus on the practical implications of that shift: moving beyond individual AI awareness towards capabilities that can be applied throughout an institution.

CFTE across SFF week

On 17 November, Tram Anh Nguyen will speak at the Insights2040 Annual Meetings roundtable “Is AI Pulling the Ladder Up? Reimagining Job-Ready Skills in the AI Transition”. The discussion brings together employers, educators and policymakers to consider how AI is changing early-career opportunities and the skills needed to build meaningful professional careers.

At the Global SME Finance Forum, Tram Anh will join the 19 November panel “What Makes SMEs Grow? Skills, Services and Technology Adoption” and contribute to the 20 November training session “Build Your Small Business Growth Enablement Action Plan”. Both explore how financial institutions can support SME growth through capabilities and services as well as access to finance.

On 19 November, Singapore will also host the launch of the AI Spotlight Observatory, developed by the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in collaboration with CFTE. The initiative creates a shared way to describe AI use cases and examine real-world implementations across financial services. CFTE will also join UK-Singapore industry exchanges and meet participants at the UK Pavilion during festival week.

Building capabilities for the next decade

Across these engagements, CFTE will connect the evolution of finance with the evolution of its workforce. For banks and public institutions, AI adoption requires more than access to tools or one-off training. It demands leadership, professional judgement and new ways of working across teams and functions. Building those capabilities at scale is central to CFTE’s work with organisations navigating technological change.

About CFTE

The Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship (CFTE) is a global education company with a presence in London, Singapore and Abu Dhabi, dedicated to **workforce transformation at scale**.

Founded in 2017, CFTE believes that technological progress should create opportunities for everyone. As artificial intelligence and emerging technologies reshape industries and economies, CFTE works with governments, central banks, regulators and leading financial institutions to equip individuals, organisations and leaders with the capabilities to thrive in a changing world.

By bringing together leading industry practitioners, academic expertise and innovative learning approaches, CFTE bridges the gap between technological change and real-world application, enabling transformation from individual professionals to entire workforces.

CFTE has reached more than 200,000 participants across 130 countries.

Notes to the editors

Singapore FinTech Festival: 18-20 November 2026, Singapore EXPO. www.fintechfestival.sg

CFTE at SFF 2026: www.cfte.education/singapore-fintech-festival-2026

AI Spotlight Observatory: www.cfte.education/events/ai-spotlight-observatory-singapore-launch

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