

SYPC

SINGAPORE YOUTH POLICY COMPETITION 2025

Formerly Known as Singapore Undergraduate Policy Competition (SUPC)

Singapore Youth Policy Competition (SYPC) 2025

Catalyst: Igniting Ideas, Crafting Futures

Date & Time:	21 st June 2025, Saturday, 9 AM - 7 PM 22 nd June 2025, Sunday, 9 AM - 7 PM
Location:	NUS University Town

Introduction: What is SYPC?

Previously known as the Singapore Undergraduate Policy Competition (SUPC), the Singapore Youth Policy Competition (SYPC) is a national platform for youths to practise policy formulation and be exposed to real-world policymaking processes.

Previously, we have only focused on Undergraduate and Polytechnic students. Yet this year, we have rebranded to SYPC, and expanded our outreach to include Junior College students, as we recognise the importance of diverse perspectives in tackling complex societal issues.

SYPC aims to empower youths to engage actively in policy making, equipping them with the skills, confidence, and experience to address pressing challenges in Singapore. Students will work in teams to craft innovative policy proposals and present their ideas to esteemed judges from academia and senior government agencies. The top teams will be awarded cash prizes.

Beyond the competition, participants will benefit from workshops and keynote sessions with industry experts, providing valuable insights and hands-on experience in policy designing.

Key Takeaways

1. Gain **hands-on experience** in crafting impactful policy proposals, to address real-world issues
2. Receive constructive **feedback** from **senior government officials** and **academic professionals**
3. Learn from **policy-workshops** and **keynote sessions** led by experienced industry experts
4. Stand a chance for your policy suggestions to be **recognised** and **potentially implemented** in real-life society
5. Take the **first step** towards becoming **future leaders** driving sustainable and meaningful change in Singapore

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Competition Categories

Senior Category	Junior Category
Undergraduate Students	Junior College Students
NIL	Polytechnic Students

Youths will be split into TWO categories – (1) Senior Category, and (2) Junior Category.

All team members must belong to the same category – either the Senior or Junior category. Cross-category teams are not allowed. However, students from different schools within the same category may form a team together.

Each team must consist of 3 to 4 students. If you do not have enough members, you may also register as an individual participant, and we will assist in forming teams for you.

Competition Theme

This year's theme: "*Catalyst: Igniting Ideas, Crafting Futures*", reflects our belief in the power of **youths** as **catalysts for change**. SYPC 2025 challenges participants to think boldly and creatively about the future—identifying root causes of societal challenges and proposing transformative, forward-thinking policies. The theme encourages students to not only imagine better futures, but to take the first step in crafting them through collaborative, impact-driven policymaking.

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Competition Domains

There are two domain areas for SYPC 2025: 'Artificial Intelligence' and 'Transport Inclusivity'. Each domain is further accompanied by a specific topic that represent critical societal issues related to the respective domains.

The topics have been set to allow participants to choose between working on either a domestic or a region-wide policy solution. The SYPC Academics Department will be providing background papers that further elaborate on the domains. Following that, participants must choose ONE domain and write a policy proposal solution that addresses the guiding question.

Domain Area 1: Artificial Intelligence

With the rise of tools like ChatGPT, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become mainstream, with over 314 million users globally. Businesses are increasingly adopting AI to automate processes, boost productivity, and enhance customer experiences—32% already use it, while 42% are exploring its potential. In Singapore, the digital economy contributed 17.7% of GDP in 2023, supporting over 208,000 tech jobs. However, despite its benefits, AI raises ethical concerns such as algorithmic bias, privacy, and cybersecurity.

Domain Area 2: Transport Inclusivity

Singapore's public transport system is vital to daily life, with 7.2 million daily riders in 2023. To meet the needs of a growing population, the government has launched the Land Transport Master Plan 2040, aiming for a "20-minute town and 45-minute city" through major investments in rail, bus, walking, and cycling networks. While efforts have been made to enhance inclusivity—such as barrier-free bus stops and hearing-aid support at MRT stations—accessibility challenges remain for persons with disabilities, including confusing tactile guides and limited emergency information. Affordability is also a concern, especially for low-income households and seniors, with rising transport costs adding pressure.

View the background papers at: <https://tinyurl.com/SYPC2025papers>

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DAY 1 (Sat, 21 JUNE 2025) @ NUS UNIVERSITY TOWN	
Time	Event
0830	Registration
0900	Opening Ceremony & Seminar with GOH
1100	Lunch Break
1200	Policy Paper Writing Workshop
1330	Policy Proposal and Slides Preparation
1600	Round 1: Quarter Finals Judging
1845 - 1900	Round 1 Results / End of Day 1

DAY 2 (Sun, 22 JUNE 2025) @ NUS UNIVERSITY TOWN	
Time	Event
0900	Registration
1030	Submission of Policy Proposal and Slides
1100 - 1300	Round 2: Semi-Finals Judging
1300	Lunch Break
1430	Semi Finals Results
1700	Round 3: Finals Judging
1830 - 1900	Prize Giving Ceremony / End of Day 2

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More information on SYPC

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About the Political Science Society of NUS

Founded in 1967, the Political Science Society of NUS (PSSOC) serves to promote the learning of Political Science as a field of study. The Society also serves as a bridge between the NUS Political Science Department and the student population in general. The Society also desires to promote, through the application of the concepts and theories of Political Science, a better understanding of the political, social, cultural, and economic problems faced by Singapore, the region and the world at large and to contemplate possible solutions to these problems.



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