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### **EducationUSA Advising Center launched following U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris's Visit to Singapore**

*AmCham Singapore partners XCL Education to support access to U.S. tertiary school advisory services and U.S. education opportunities*

**1 September 2021 (Singapore)** – The American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham) and one of Southeast Asia's leading education groups XCL Education announced today the launch of the EducationUSA Advising Center located at the XCL World Academy, the flagship school of XCL Education.

EducationUSA is a global network of 430 Advising Centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the U.S.

**American Chamber of Commerce CEO, Dr Hsien-Hsien Lei** remarked, "Education forges bonds across cultures, broadens world views, and expands thinking. AmCham is proud to lead EducationUSA in Singapore with the goal of connecting students with life experiences and networks in the U.S. that will lead to future career opportunities. We are proud to be working with XCL World Academy to deliver successful outcomes for students in Singapore, as we share a common interest in learning and development."

**XCL Education CEO Brian Rogove** said, "We are honored to partner with AmCham and EducationUSA to have the Advising Center located in our school. This will provide easier access not just for our students, but for all those interested in pursuing higher education opportunities in the U.S.. We are delighted to help promote stronger human capital and educational ties between Singapore and the U.S."

The agreement coincides with U.S. Vice-President, Kamala Harris' visit to Singapore last week in which she reaffirmed the strong U.S.-Singapore partnership and deepened ties in several key areas, including the field of higher education

**U.S. Embassy Singapore Counselor for Public Affairs, Carrie Lee**, said, “There are approximately 4,500 students from Singapore studying in U.S. universities each year. Through this partnership, we will be able provide free advising services, ensuring all students in Singapore who are considering U.S. higher education have access to official, unbiased guidance to easily find and apply for their best fit options.”

According to the White House fact sheet on **Strengthening the U.S.-Singapore Strategic Partnership**, “The United States and Singapore welcomed the launch of an EducationUSA Advising Center in Singapore. Implemented by the American Chamber of Commerce, the advising center will provide information, workshops, and college counseling services free of charge for students interested in studying in the United States, and in doing so, will deepen people-to-people ties between the next generation of Singaporean and American leaders.”

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**FACT SHEET: Strengthening the U.S.-Singapore Strategic Partnership**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/23/fact-sheet-strengthening-the-u-s-singapore-strategic-partnership/>

**About EducationUSA**

<https://educationusa.state.gov/about-educationusa>

EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network of over 430 international student advising centers in more than 175 countries and territories.

The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States. EducationUSA also provides services to the U.S. higher education community to help institutional leaders meet their recruitment and campus internationalization goals. EducationUSA centers are located in U.S. embassies and consulates, Fulbright commissions, bi-national centers, universities, and non-profit organizations.

### **About AmCham Singapore**

<http://www.amcham.com.sg>

Established in 1973, the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (AmCham Singapore) is the largest and the most active international business association in Singapore and Southeast Asia, with other 5,000 members representing nearly 550 companies.

Our Chamber comprises 14 industry-specific committees: seven sectoral and seven functional. AmCham is a forward-thinking, business-progressive association. Our mission is to create value for our members by providing advocacy, business insights, and connections. Our membership includes American companies and Singaporean and third-country companies with significant U.S. business interests.

AmCham is an independent, non-partisan business organization. Our goal is to provide the information and facilitate the access and connections that give members insights into the local, regional, and global operating environment, enhance their four professional capabilities, and enable them to make well-informed business decisions.

### **About XCL World Academy**

<https://www.xwa.edu.sg/>

Based in Singapore, XCL World Academy is an international school made up of students from over 60 different nationalities. The school's vision is to encourage students to aspire, act and grow by empowering an inclusive international community of happy learners who aspire to positively impact others.

XCL World Academy prepares students to shape tomorrow and not merely live in it. Students are taught to see infinite possibilities in a world of change, and embrace technology and innovate with it, instead of fearing it. There is an emphasis on critical thinking, creativity and leadership as much as academic learning. XCL World Academy believes in creating personalised pathways to unlock every individual's unique potential. It's why they innovate new learning experiences, models of teacher preparation and continuous development in state-of-the-art facilities.

### **About XCL Education**

<https://xcledu.com/>

Backed by TPG and Temasek, XCL Education is a premier education group serving more than 30,000 students across private and international schools, preschools, and academic enrichment centres in Southeast Asia.

It is the ethos of XCL to prepare students for the jobs of the future and to help them find their way in an ever-changing future, where technology and human skills will play increasingly complementary roles.

**About U.S. Embassy Singapore**

<https://sg.usembassy.gov/>

U.S. Embassy Singapore consists of 24 U.S. Federal Government agencies working in Singapore and the region. The U.S. Embassy works to maintain a strong bilateral relationship with the Government of Singapore and to increase the security and prosperity of Americans at home and in Southeast Asia.