

SIF and INDUS Partnership to Strengthen Community Service Initiative

Singapore International Foundation (hereafter termed as **SIF**) is a **not-for-profit organisation** established on 1 August 1991 to help Singapore's globalisation efforts. It is incorporated as a public company limited by guarantee, with a Board of Governors. Since its establishment, SIF has been playing a unique role in actively engaging Singaporeans in international volunteerism, forging people-to-people links, helping to shape the national identity and forging a sense of what it means to be Singaporean in a borderless world. SIF **vision** is to represent "*The Spirit of Singapore International*". It helps Singaporeans integrate their aspirations and achievements at home and abroad into the global society and the global economy while preserving the Singaporean identity and the sense of national belonging. It also supports Singaporeans in building on their achievements as they search for fresh experiences and perspectives to prosper in the new millennium. It promotes active citizenry at home and abroad, help Singaporeans appreciate their place in the world community, while spontaneously and enthusiastically reaching out to the world with a hand of warm friendship. SIF **mission** is "*To build a corps of active global citizens for Singapore*".

Our school, **Indus International School, Bangalore** (hereafter termed as **IIS**), had developed the core links with the **SIF** and is looking forward to strengthen its **Community Service Initiative** in partnership with the SIF. IIS and SIF has together concluded a week long **Feasibility Study** in the month of June 2007, on "Vocational Training Programme at Indus International School to determine the viability of partnering SIF and IIS in co-developing a programme as well as building up IIS's capability to design outreach programmes to benefit local community and schools". The **Feasibility Study Report** has been highly encouraging and the team recommends that SIF and IIS can partner in growing the latter's capability to benefit local community and schools. This has resulted into the signing of the **Letter of Agreement** between IIS and SIF to join hands for this very ambitious project. This has also paved way for the **Joint Curriculum Development** of the programme, for which a highly skilled team of Educational Planners from SIF and IIS will meet at IIS campus between 4th and 10th October, 2007. After the proposed Curriculum Development, SIF will appoint a Special In-Field Volunteer, who will stay on IIS campus and will turn the curriculum into reality by teaching and training IIS staff to crate a pool of trainers, who can further deliver this **Special Curriculum** to the special target group in our community. This in turn will help young and budding talent from our community to learn Various Competencies and gain employment in the burgeoning service sector in Bangalore and its neighbourhood.

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