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# **SSTI LAUNCHES FIRST E-LEARNING PROGRAMMES FOR NON-PROFIT SECTOR**

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Board members of non-profit organisations can now sign up for courses on board governance online. The E-Learning Board Governance Programmes, which were jointly developed by the Social Service Training Institute (SSTI), the training arm of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS), and the Charity Council, are the first-of-its kind in the non-profit sector.

The E-Learning Board Governance Programmes was launched by RADM Kwek Siew Jin, President of NCSS and Mrs Fang Ai Lian, Chairman of Charity Council at the LeadersXchange on 13 January 2009. RADM (RET) Kwek said, “The e-learning mode provides flexibility and convenience in training to Board members. It was developed to cater to Board members who have busy work schedules and it served to complement the existing classroom training.” With the e-learning option, participants would be able to access their training materials online anytime, anywhere.

The modules aim to equip Board members with the relevant knowledge, skills and tools that are needed to discharge their governance responsibilities effectively and efficiently. It encompasses a diverse range of topics such as the roles and responsibilities of Board Members, managing conflict and legal governance for Board Members. The e-learning programmes comprise interactive learning to enhance understanding and application of concept, and case scenarios customised to the social service sector are also included to boost learning.

SSTI first launched its Board Governance training programmes in 2003. Since the launch, more than 2,000 participants have enrolled for the training programmes.

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The E-Learning Board Governance Programmes will commence on 13 January 2009. Board members of Non-Profit Organisations can apply for the courses online at SSTI's website at [www.ssti.org.sg](http://www.ssti.org.sg) with training grants for NCSS member Voluntary Welfare Organisations and registered charities and Institutions of a Public Character.

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