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An Update on Singapore Universities

- The two older universities: National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University
- Singapore Management University was added in 2000, and three more universities added in the last 10 years: Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore Institute of Technology and UniSIM College
- By 2020, 40% of every primary one cohort will get places in universities funded by the Ministry of Education
- There is great diversity in the sector

The SMU Story

- SMU Education:
 - Broad based curriculum
 - Flexibility
 - Small class
 - Interactive pedagogy
 - Mandatory internship
 - Overseas exposure
 - Voluntary services
 - All rounded education

Diversity, Diversity & Diversity

- SMU School of Information systems: marrying IT with business
- SMU School of Law: a broad based law school
- SIT: University for Poly graduates: Degrees in marine engineering (Newcastle); nursing (Manchester), culinary art and science (Culinary Institute of America); video game and animation (DigiPen)
- SUTD: Integrative, multi-disciplinary approach to engineering and design
- Work-study programs: SIT's accounting degree

General Observations: Singapore's Experience

- Understand the context: Industry needs
- Strategy must add value to the country
- Provide multiple tracks: Diversity
- Implementation is key

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