

SIT to Support Agri-Food Sector in Singapore

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The Singapore Institute of Technology is set to launch a brand-new small-batch food production facility



The Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) today announced new measures that will bolster its offerings for professionals and companies looking to level up and create a bigger impact in the Food Technology sector here. From a new small-batch food production facility that will enable local food players to trial new products on a smaller and more cost-effective scale, to the introduction of a new Continuing Education Training (CET) course in High Moisture Extrusion Technology (HMET), these initiatives will help equip the local workforce and companies with added capabilities to leverage the global momentum in sustainable food production and develop new innovative food products to meet evolving consumer demand.

Designed to help food companies reduce capital and operating costs through shared facilities and services, the new FoodPlant will fill a gap in the market for small batch production and is now open for pioneer membership. Run by SIT in partnership with Enterprise Singapore (ESG) and JTC, the facility is targeted to be launched in early 2022 at JTC Food Hub @ Senoko, providing a space for a range of food companies, from startups, SMEs to MNCs to test the viability of their new products via small batch production. Given how food manufacturers often face challenges such as a lack of quality facilities, expensive equipment, large opportunity costs and high minimum order requirements from outsourced manufacturers, the new facility will provide a much-needed boost to food manufacturers looking to develop and scale the rollout of new products, post R&D.

Ahead of its opening next year, players in the Food Technology space can now start taking advantage of FoodPlant's facilities and consultancy services, through pioneer memberships that offer significantly reduced annual membership fees. As founding FoodPlant members, companies will also enjoy priority bookings of the facility and additional discounts on top of early registrations. FoodPlant, which is part of the ESG-led multi-agency FoodInnovate¹, is open for its first-year membership.