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Social Innovation Forum

He is internationally recognised as an action movie star, but Jet Li will be one of many renowned faces lending their names to the upcoming Global Social Innovators Forum.

To be held at Fusionopolis, this is an annual gathering of key decision makers and leaders from different sectors to explore growth opportunities for businesses that engage in social entrepreneurship.

The forum is just one of many events spearheaded by Social Innovation Park, or SIP - regarded as the first platform in Singapore that serves to cultivate social entrepreneurs - people who start businesses for a social cause.

Using a 3E system of educating, empowering and enhancing, SIP helps to develop a self-reliant and thriving model for these entrepreneurs to positively transform society through their business operations.

SIP's PATH or Pop and Talent Hub Initiative, for one, provides opportunities for those with untapped talents to showcase their creativity in the arts.

Originally piloted to run during the festive season, PATH has since morphed into a regular event, says SIP Director, Jocelyn Chng.

"Every first and last weekend of the month, we will have a showcase or market at VivoCity. And we bring about over 30 vendors who will then display their art pieces. These vendors mainly come from different backgrounds, some of them are marginalized. But they are very good with creative work, they are very good with the art pieces, be it in terms of training or offering courses, or in terms of selling their services, or their products."

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