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Earth Observatory of Singapore officially opens

Singapore's first Research Centre of Excellence devoted to earth sciences is officially open.

The Earth Observatory of Singapore has been set up by the Nanyang Technological University

Among the subjects to be researched at the centre are potential effects of earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions

Also being set up an experimental GPS station at NTU.

In addition, the observatory is working closely with the Smithsonian Institution in the United States to refine and scale up an interactive global database that tracks volcanic unrest between and leading up to eruptions.

NTU's President, Dr Su Guaning noted that the Observatory will be receiving joint funding of up to \$150 million over ten years from the Ministry of Education and the National Research Foundation.