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## New nanotech lab for NTU

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A NEW alliance has been set up between Singapore and France to develop a state-of-the-art nanotechnology laboratory for defence and commercial applications.

The laboratory will be located at NTU's Research Techno Plaza as part of a programme that includes France's National Center of Scientific Research (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique or CNRS), the largest governmental research organisation in France, and Thales, the French electronics company.

Expected to open by the end of October, the research alliance will focus on nanotechnology innovations in the areas of computing, sensing, and communication applications. The group will be known as the CNRS International-NTU-Thales Research Alliance (CINTRA).

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on Wednesday in Paris and was witnessed by Education Minister and Second Minister of Defence, Dr Ng Eng Hen and France's Minister of Higher Education and Research, Mrs Valerie Pecresse.

'The CINTRA laboratory will be an important conduit for the transfer of scientific and technological knowledge, breakthroughs and industrial innovations between Singapore and France,' said NTU President, Dr Su Guaning.

'NTU is proud to be the university to represent Singapore in this partnership with CNRS and Thales. It is a testament to the University's global links, R&D capabilities and ability to innovate and develop technologies that make a difference to society.'