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STATEMENT BY DR NG ENG HEN,
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SECOND MINISTER FOR DEFENCE,
ON DR SU GUANING’S CONTRIBUTIONS AS NTU PRESIDENT

1. I would like to thank Dr Su for his significant contributions as President of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in the past eight years.

2. Under his leadership, NTU has been transformed from a teaching university focused on engineering into a university with strengths in education and research, and with a distinctive character as a university grounded in science, technology and management. Three new Schools – School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and School of Art, Design and Media – were added, expanding NTU’s offerings. NTU has also won competitive funding from the National Research Foundation and the Ministry of Education to set up two Research Centres of Excellence, namely the Earth Observatory of Singapore and Singapore Centre for Environmental and Life Sciences Engineering. These additions put NTU at the forefront of catalysing scientific breakthroughs, technological advances and capability development for the Singapore economy.

3. As President, Dr Su worked tirelessly to strengthen the international standing of NTU, and forged strategic alliances with top technological universities worldwide. Dr Su was instrumental in the establishment of the Global Alliance of Technological Universities¹, and served as its founding Chairman. NTU has also made significant contributions to the development of business and public sector leaders in China, through its Masters and executive programmes for officials from China.

4. Dr Su reached out to NTU’s extensive alumni network, both locally and overseas, and built on their pride and sense of belonging to NTU.

¹ The Global Alliance of Technological Universities comprises California Institute of Technology (CALTECH), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH-Zurich), Georgia Institute of Technology, Imperial College London, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Nanyang Technological University and Shanghai Jiaotong University.
5. Dr Su has laid the groundwork for leadership succession at NTU. I am confident that the President-designate and Provost-designate will build on the good work of Dr Su, and continue to lead NTU to greater heights.