A mini-city growing in the NTU campus

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Teaching methods at NTU are also set to change when a new Learning Hub, a shared facility for all schools with smaller classrooms and technology that emphasise interaction between lecturers and students, is ready by 2013. Construction will begin early next year.

There will also be a new focus on inter-disciplinary research. A new Interdisciplinary Research Building is scheduled to be ready by 2014, to cater to a mix of research faculty from NTU and its partners.

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