NTU’S LEE KONG CHIAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO BE ‘EXAMPLE OF INTER-DISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION’

Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) new Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, which will be up by 2014, will be an example of inter-disciplinary collaboration, its president-designate and provost Bertil Andersson said yesterday.

Unlike its counterparts at National University of Singapore’s Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine and the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, NTU students will have to learn management and engineering. “My belief is that in the next 10 years, one of the most key areas for medicine is inter-disciplinarity between medicine and engineering,” said Professor Andersson.

NTU’s medical students will split their time between the Yunnan Garden campus and the coming Novena campus at Mandalay Road.

The medical school will offer a five-year undergraduate degree jointly awarded by NTU and Imperial College London and will be outfitted with the latest technologies, designed for current and emerging trends in medical education such as virtual learning and clinical simulation.

Prof Andersson said this approach and these additions are designed to allow “the doctors of tomorrow to learn new things”. ZUL OTHMAN