NTU medical school gets S$20m gift

Funds from Toh Kian Chui Foundation to go towards professorship, student award, scholarships

SINGAPORE – The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has received a S$20-million gift from the Toh Kian Chui Foundation for the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine), with the aim of advancing medical education and research and helping medical students through scholarships and bursaries.

This follows the Lee Foundation’s record gift of S$150 million to LKCMedicine in January 2011.

With matching funds from the Government, the total endowment for LKCMedicine – a partnership between the NTU and Imperial College London – may go up to S$250 million.

The money will go towards setting up an endowment to fund in perpetuity the Toh Kian Chui Distinguished Professorship, a Gold Medal student award, scholarships, research and education.

The Toh Kian Chui Distinguished Professorship aims to attract world-renowned clinicians and scientists for mentoring and research. The Toh Kian Chui Gold Medal, which comes with a cash award worth up to S$10,000, will be given to the top performing medical student from each cohort.

In addition, up to 25 scholarships could be awarded to deserving medical students to fully cover their prevailing tuition fees and living and book allowances each year.

An endowment of S$10 million has also been set aside to support medical education and research initiatives.

In recognition of the gift, the upcoming three-storey Annex at LKCMedicine’s headquarters building at 11 Mandayal Road will be named after Toh Kian Chui, a respected philanthropist and well-known businessman in the construction industry. The building will be completed by the middle of this year.

Ms Toh Keng Choo, the daughter of Mr Toh, said: “The foundation has long been a supporter of efforts to level the playing field for students from disadvantaged families. Supporting medical students and research is part of our mission to educate our youth and to alleviate suffering caused by illness.”