NTU admits more medical students in second cohort

SINGAPORE – Nanyang Technological University (NTU) has admitted more students into its medical school this year with 78 students, compared with 54 in its inaugural cohort last year.

Most of those admitted into the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKC-Medicine) scored three As or more at the GCE A-Levels or near-perfect International Baccalaureate scores, said the university, which held a White Coat ceremony initiating its freshmen into the medical school yesterday.

More than 800 applications were received and 330 were shortlisted for interviews. The final 78 students admitted comprise 48 male and 30 female students, and all are Singaporeans.

Among those who received a white coat were 21-year-old Russell Chuah, LKCMedicine’s first polytechnic graduate, who had a near-perfect grade point average from Singapore Polytechnic, and national hockey player Ishwarpal Singh Grewal, 20.

The students also received a copy of Blood And Guts: A Short History Of Medicine by British historian Roy Porter.

LKCMedicine students will graduate from the five-year programme with a joint NTU-Imperial Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.