NTU launches The Arc, its second learning hub

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The Arc, which is NTU’s latest learning hub, has more than 200 “smart” classrooms on campus, each equipped with multiple LCD screens, flexible clustered seats and wireless communication capabilities.

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The building has 15 large discussion rooms, a room for a panel meeting and a 200-seat lecture theatre, as well as lower-level rooms that serve as workshops for engineering students.

Several features of the learning hub were showcased at NTU’s Welcome Day on Feb 2, including a 3D printing lab, which will support research in smart technologies such as printable electronics, lightweight and smart materials.

NTU President Subra Suresh said that The Arc is designed to create avenues for students to discuss ideas and interact across disciplines.

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