

NTU signs MOU with University of California

Partnership will expand collaboration, further exchange of faculty and students

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The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will partner with the University of California (UC) system to expand collaboration between the two institutions.

Under a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that spans five years, NTU and US-based UC will explore activities to further the exchange of faculty and students, the universities said yesterday.

The two institutions will also explore joint research efforts in areas that include climate change, health, technology and innovation.

The UC is a system of 10 campuses, five medical centres, three affiliated national laboratories and a statewide agriculture and natural re-

sources programme.

Professor Subra Suresh, president of NTU, said both universities are globally recognised for research, education, innovation and commitment to societal impact. "By combining our strengths and by deepening our collaboration, we can magnify this impact to address a number of global challenges," he added.

He signed the agreement on behalf of NTU, while UC president Janet Napolitano represented UC.

Professor Napolitano and her delegation were in Singapore on a two-day visit that ended yesterday.

On Monday, she gave a lecture and participated in a dialogue attended by about 300 students, faculty and members of the public.

"I am excited to be in Singapore this week to explore new opportuni-

ties for UC to collaborate with leading higher education institutions such as NTU Singapore," she said.

"With its teaching, research and public service mission, the University of California is committed to boldly confronting the most pressing global challenges. Establishing robust international partnerships is critical to this effort."

NTU said the MOU builds on the university's existing academic and research collaborations with UC campuses such as UC Berkeley, UC Davis and UC Irvine.

According to NTU, about 180 students participate in academic exchanges in the US annually.

Another 175 students take part in exchange programmes at US partner-universities under the Global Engineering Education Exchange network that enables undergraduate engineering students to study and do internships abroad.

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University of California president Janet Napolitano and Nanyang Technological University president Subra Suresh yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding that spans five years. The two institutions will explore joint research efforts in areas that include climate change, health, technology and innovation. PHOTO: NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY