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NTU’s Class of 2007 celebrates graduation in Dalian, China

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) (南洋理工大学) will be holding a convocation ceremony in China on 23 June 2007 to celebrate the graduation of 164 students from China, who completed the following programmes:

- Master of Science (Managerial Economics)
- Master of Public Administration
- Nanyang Executive Master of Business Administration (Nanyang EMBA)
- Master of Science in Technopreneurship and Innovation (Chinese)
- Master in Educational Administration

The ceremony will be held in Dalian, a governing sub-provincial city in the eastern Liaoning Province of Northeast China. Mr Herman R Hochstadt, Pro-Chancellor of NTU (南洋理工大学名誉副校长贺士达先生), will preside at the convocation ceremony.

This year’s convocation ceremony in China will see two pioneer batches graduating. One is the Master in Educational Administration programme (MEA), an inter-disciplinary programme offered by National Institute of Education (NIE) 国立教育学院. Drawing on NIE’s strengths and expertise in research and professional practice, the programme is tailored-made for educational officers from China and offers an opportunity for a cross-cultural and global perspective on education. The other pioneer intake is NTU’s Master of Science in Technopreneurship and Innovation programme (Chinese) (MSc TIP). This programme was launched in March 2006 to meet the increasing demands for such courses arising from the booming entrepreneurship activities in China.
The other graduands hail from NTU's high-profile Master of Science in Managerial Economics programme (MME) and Master of Public Administration programme (MPA), as well as the Nanyang Executive Master of Business Administration programme (Nanyang EMBA), a collaboration between NTU and Shanghai Jiaotong University.

NTU President Dr Su Guaning (南洋理工大学校长徐冠林博士) shares, “These graduates from our key China programmes have embodied the spirit of lifelong learning…. The knowledge and the international outlook they have gained from an NTU education will help them advance in their careers. Our graduates play a significant role as NTU ambassadors in China. They help forge better understanding between China and Singapore and open up more avenues for collaboration.” –

He adds, “In a world that has become more cosmopolitan and globalised, NTU needs to forge more partnerships with countries in the region and beyond, both in education and in research. These alliances and partnerships will benefit our students, faculty and researchers, who will gain an international outlook that is invaluable in their future careers.”

Mr Lan Tianli, a top MPA graduate who was promoted to Mayor of Hechi City, Guangxi (广西省河池市市长蓝天立先生) in April 2007 after completing his studies at NTU, says, “NTU has special insights into China and has developed many diverse programmes for the China market. The university’s outstanding faculty members and excellent learning environment have helped us to enhance our skills and effectiveness as public administrators.”

As part of the celebration, a get-together dinner will be held in Dalian for NTU’s China-based alumni. The dinner, hosted by Dr Su Guaning and Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman of NTU Board of Trustees (南洋理工大学校董会主席许文辉先生), will see some 400 China-based alumni networking with one another as they strengthen their ties with the university.

In June 2006, NTU held its first overseas convocation in Beidaihe, Qinhuangdao, to give its China-based graduates and their families the opportunity to experience an NTU convocation.

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university with globally acknowledged strengths in science and engineering. The university is located in a garden campus in western Singapore, tracing its roots back to 1955.

NTU has four colleges comprising 12 schools. The College of Engineering comprises six schools focused on technology and innovation. Its research output ranks among the top four in the world. The College of Science pushes the boundaries of Singapore’s life sciences initiatives. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) offers one of the world's top 100 MBA programmes. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences boasts Singapore’s first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media, the Humanities and Social Science School, and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia.

The 13th school, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, was inaugurated on 1 January 2007. An important component of this autonomous school is the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, long recognised as a world authority on strategic studies and terrorism.

NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute.

NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives with established institutions worldwide. Key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, Carnegie Mellon University in USA, Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, Indian Institute of Technology in Asia, Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Europe.

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