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NTU welcomes autonomous status and Board of Trustees

With the new autonomous status, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) will charge ahead to further build up teaching and research excellence, raise our international standing and enhance our students’ experience.

Already, NTU is globally acknowledged for our strengths in science and engineering, as well as business, communication, education, arts and design.

The NTU Institute of Advanced Studies, set up in July 2005, will deepen the pursuit of excellence in science and technology. Its hallmark is science at the highest level. This year alone, five Nobel laureates will visit NTU to share their expertise with faculty, students, and the wider community. Such visits by Nobel Laureates and other eminent scientists will be a regular feature at NTU – inspiring our academics and students to reach for the top.

The Nanyang Technopreneurship Centre, NTU’s interdisciplinary set-up that drives entrepreneurship, will continue to educate our students to thrive in a fast-faced, entrepreneurial world. Our complete entrepreneurship ecosystem has also been established with an extensive network of venture capitalists, incubators and budding and successful entrepreneurs.

NTU students explore and develop their potential through a unique educational experience of global immersion and residential living, grounded on an innovative curriculum that is broad-based and multi-disciplinary, with a strong dose of science and technology. Students can pick and choose from an extensive suite of majors, minors, double majors and degrees for a holistic education.

NTU is committed to providing such quality education while ensuring affordability. A complete range of financial assistance packages is available to qualified undergraduates with financial difficulties. These include work-study schemes, loans, and bursaries. NTU will strive to raise additional funds for such schemes to ensure that access to the university will continue to be within reach of all undergraduates who qualify.
As autonomy brings about an increase in flexibility and opportunities, the new NTU Board of Trustees (校董会) is established as a key pillar of university governance. The trustees see themselves as long-term stewards of the university driving for international distinction as a university of science and technology. They will play critical roles in tapping external resources to support NTU in areas such as academic affairs, finance, alumni, external relations and fund raising.

The 14-member Board is chaired by Mr Koh Boon Hwee, Chairman of DBS Group Holdings Ltd. Mr Koh, a highly-respected corporate leader and entrepreneur, has been guiding the university as Chairman of the NTU Council since 1993. The other members of the Board include international-renowned academics, successful entrepreneurs, and corporate luminaries. Four members of the Board are the university’s alumni with strong attachment to their alma mater.

Says Chairman of NTU’s Board of Trustees, Mr Koh Boon Hwee, “Our trustees are committed to developing NTU into a world class university focused on science and technology, which are not just disciplines in themselves, but are also enablers in many other fields like economics, business, media and design. Our trustees bring with them passion and commitment to the university as well as global reputation and influence. We are confident the Board will support and guide the university towards this goal, which will benefit all our stakeholders, and most of all, our students and alumni.”

“NTU will start the new era of autonomous universities in a sound position with unlimited promise. We shall continue to innovate and implement new programmes and initiatives for our students”, says Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU.

“We are a global university of excellence in science and technology, driving forward with broad strengths in engineering and deep capabilities in science. These fundamental strengths help us to develop distinct characteristics, global talent and peaks of excellence not just in research, engineering and industry, but also in business and accountancy, communication, education, art and the humanities. While we pursue these differentiating strengths, we continue to enhance the holistic educational experience we deliver to all our students. “

President Su adds, “I would like to thank all past and present members of the NTU Council who have made vital contribution to the growth of the university. I am sure they are proud of how far the university has come. We shall continue to count on their support as we strive towards our vision of a global university of excellence in science and technology. We are privileged to have such a rich resource to support for the university.”

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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 has a beautiful garden campus and a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955.

NTU’s 12 schools span diverse disciplines – from engineering and the sciences to art, design and media. The university has a strong engineering college focused on innovation, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programmes in the world, an internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best communication and information schools in Asia, and a biological sciences school at the forefront of Singapore’s life sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is a world authority on terrorism issues.
Ranked among the top 50 universities in the world, NTU has in place multi-country programmes and initiatives, many established through its strategic alliances with 300 institutions in more than 45 countries, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, Cornell University, Cambridge University, and Beijing University.

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