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NTU and IIT Bombay foster close links to promote education and research

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) will foster close links to promote education and research.

On the education front, the two universities have decided on:

- the exchange of students and faculty for study and research
- the development of joint research programmes

On the research front, the two universities will embark on joint research on:

- infrastructural engineering and management
- bio & molecular engineering
- info-comms technologies

The landmark NTU – IIT-Bombay agreement is the first between the two universities.

Says Dr Ravi S Sharma, Director of Nanyang Technological University’s newly formed India Strategy Office, “The agreement formalizes the deep respect both universities have for each other and the enthusiasm both share for collaboration in education and research in key engineering areas beneficial to India and Singapore.”

Dr Su Guaning, President of NTU, and Prof Misra Ashok, Director of IIT Bombay, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 10 January 2005 to formally acknowledge the two universities’ commitment to joint research and education.
The signing ceremony is witnessed by Mr AS Gill, First Secretary of the Indian High Commission in Singapore, Professor Banerji R K, Dean of International Affairs at IIT Bombay, as well as Mr Sonny Lim, Director of International Relations at NTU.

Prof Misra Ashok is also a member of the International Academic Advisory Panel visiting Singapore from 11 to 14 January 2005.

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About Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang Technological University was recently ranked by the Times Higher Education Supplement at the 50th place globally and 7th in Asia, in its ranking of the 200 best universities in the world. The campus was originally developed for a Chinese language university, Nanyang University in 1955. In 1981, Nanyang Technological Institute was established on this campus to educate engineers for the rapidly developing Singapore economy. In 1991 Nanyang Technological University was inaugurated.

The university has a strong engineering school ranked among the best in the Commonwealth, a business school with one of the top 100 MBA programs in the world, an internationally acclaimed National Institute of Education, one of the best Schools of Communications and Information in Asia, and a new (2001) School of Biological Sciences playing a leading role in Singapore’s Life Sciences initiative. The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies is an international authority on terrorism. The university is in a major expansion from 16,000 to 22,300 undergraduate students. During this expansion three new schools are being built – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the School of Art, Design and Media.

A traditional strength of the university is the high employment rate and high remuneration received by its graduates. The university is now in the process of realizing its New Undergraduate Experience initiative with a comprehensive curriculum, wide choices of options for students, vibrant campus life and international experience.

Strong international relationships and collaboration programmes is a hallmark of the university. This includes the Singapore-MIT Alliance, Singapore-Stanford Partnership, Cornell-Nanyang Institute of Hospitality Management, Singapore – University of Washington Alliance in Bioengineering, Global Immersion Programme with Peking University, Tsinghua University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, University of Washington and Georgia Institute of Technology, among many other programmes in US, China, India, Japan and Europe.

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