Nobel Laureate C N Yang launches premier scholars programme at NTU
- NTU’s “C N Yang Scholars Programme” to groom top scientists and engineers for the future

Nobel Laureate Professor Chen-Ning Yang officially launches NTU’s new Scholars Programme today. NTU’s “C N Yang Scholars Programme” is named in his honour and is designed to groom top scientists and engineers for the future.

The official launch of the C N Yang Scholars Programme is held in conjunction with the 37th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO). The launch is officiated by Minister-of-State (Education) Rear-Admiral Lui Tuck Yew and witnessed by international participants of the IPhO as well as the pioneer batch of CN Yang scholars.

The pioneer batch of C N Yang Scholars class is being assembled from the cream of the students admitted to NTU. The students are chosen for their passion in science and technology, and for their aspiration to become world class scientists and engineers. The scholars will undergo the core curriculum together while taking other classes that enable them to pursue the NTU degree of their choice.

The curriculum of the C N Yang Scholars Programme is modelled after those of top science and technology universities like California Institute of Technology (Caltech) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The programme will be extremely rigorous and is targeted at top science students.

Dr Su Guaning, President, NTU, says, “We see a shortage of high level scientists working in Singapore that will fuel and drive the research agenda of the nation for the
future. This, our signature undergraduate program, will be the spark that will provide the inspired young people to enter any of the diverse fields of science and technology, pursue their passion, and contribute to society."

He adds, “Professor Yang has been extremely active as a scientist and educator. He has inspired generations of young people to pursue a career in science. At 83, he is still working in Tsing Hua University. We saw no better person to serve as a role model to our aspiring young scientists. We hope that our scholars in the CN Yang Scholars Programme will be motivated by his dedication to science and his enthusiasm in research."

Professor Yang Chen Ning won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1957 and is currently the Honorary Director of the Center for Advanced Study, Tsinghua University. Prof Yang is an International Advisor at NTU’s Institute of Advanced Studies.

He says, “This is a good opportunity for top students who are keenly interested in science to pursue their passion. I am very happy to see NTU set up this programme to provide outstanding students with a strong foundation in science and to cultivate their interest in research. Who knows? One day we might see a Nobel Laureate from Singapore."

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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 with established institutions worldwide. Some examples of key partners include MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Carnegie Mellon University; world-class universities in Asia such as Beijing University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda, IIT of India; and top European universities like Cambridge University, Imperial College, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, University of St. Gallen, University of Technology of Compiègne and the University of Technology of Troyes.

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