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NTU'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVOCATION

The Nanyang Technological University’s (NTU) 50th anniversary convocation will take place from 11 to 15 July 2005. This year’s convocation will see 6,190 students graduate at the 14 convocation ceremonies. Four thousand one hundred and fifty two (4,152) students will receive their Bachelor degrees and 2,038 will receive higher degrees.

His Excellency, President S R Nathan, who is also Chancellor of NTU, will preside at the first convocation ceremony. Other guests at the first ceremony include Deputy Prime Minister and Co-ordinating Minister for Security and Defence, Dr Tony Tan and Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower, Mr Hawazi Daipi.

There will be 18 pioneer batches of graduands for new higher degree programmes such as Master of Science (pioneer graduates from the School of Biological Science), Master of Science (E-Commerce) and Master of Science (Power Engineering).

A new Nanyang tradition
The graduating class of 2005 has begun a tradition of making a donation to the university endowment to benefit future generations of students of the university.
To commemorate their graduation, a class plaque, to remain in perpetuity, will be placed in the new University Quadrangle by student leaders. A ring of class plaques, from past, present and future graduates, will eventually be a central feature of the University Quadrangle.

President S R Nathan, together with graduates, student leaders, and other guests, will witness the ceremony to mark this new tradition on 11 Jul 05, after the first convocation ceremony.

Other new elements at the convocation ceremonies
The graduates and guests at all convocation ceremonies will also receive a unique convocation booklet commissioned by the university. The booklet was produced by Nanyang Business School graduating student, Teoh Yi Chie. It takes a light-hearted look at the NTU undergraduate experience.

Graduates will also be able to celebrate their convocation with their school-mates this year. There will also be parties organised by the NTU schools following their respective convocation ceremonies.

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About Nanyang Technological University
Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is an established international institution in tertiary education.

Our university has a distinguished lineage with roots that go back to 1955. We began as Nanyang University, a private university set up with donations from people of all walks of life, from Singapore and the region. The university grounds, Yunnan Garden Campus, was donated by the Hokkien Clan Association as part of this campaign.

We were reborn as Nanyang Technological Institute, established on the same campus in 1981 with government funding to educate practice-oriented engineers for the burgeoning Singapore economy. In 1991 we became Nanyang Technological University with the absorption of the National Institute of Education.

Today, we are a research-intensive university ranked among the top 50 universities in the world. We have a strong engineering college ranked among the best globally, 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.

Undergraduate enrolment will swell from 17,500 to 22,300 with the establishment of three new schools – the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Art, Design and Media, and School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.
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 realising 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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